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SUMMARY.

Lord Charles Beresford stated at Dartford that H.M.S. Invincible, which was commissioned in March, had never been able to fire her 12in guns.

If war threatened, he added, the Invincible would be ordered into dock, and her crew transferred to another ship.

The floods in France have not abated. The Seine is swollen to double its usual width.

At Auteuil 1700 people are homeless. The remainder are staying in their houses, and are being fed from boats.

At the British elections the Unionists gained nine seats on Tuesday, and the Liberals gained two.

Heavy snowstorms are reported from Scotland. Many voters in East Lothian were unable to poll.

Despite the snowstorms Mr. Asquith motored through East Fife on brief visits to the polling stations to thank his supporters.

The women suffragists made an active appeal to voters to reject Mr. Asquith.

Mr. Lloyd-George, at Stourbridge, said the swinging majorities of the west and the north favour a strong and unflinching policy.

A million people in the United States have now been enlisted in the boycott of meat controlled by the Beef Trust.

The French Government is introducing a bill to purge the army of its criminal and hooligan element.

It is proposed to relegate such men to the African battalions.

In the test match, England v South Africa, the second innings of South Africa closed for 347, of which White scored 118.

England, in its second innings, has made 15 without the loss of a wicket.

The personality of the late Mr. Salting, who had large interests in Australia, has been sworn at £1,287,806.

He has bequeathed £10,000 to London hospitals, and £2000 to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney.

A new Cabinet has been formed in Hungary, with Khuen Hedervary as Premier.

When the names of the Cabinet were announced the majority of the Chamber denounced them as "Imperial lacqueys."

German Imperial bonds and Prussian Consols amounting to £24,000,000 are to be issued on February 5.

When the loans are issued the debt of the Empire will be £244,000,000.

It is stated that Japan is establishing an arms factory on the German model.

Two great sects of Mohammedans fought a battle extending over two days in New Bokhara, Central Asia, 100 being killed.

After undergoing quarantine, the Khedive of Egypt has arrived at Cairo from his pilgrimage.

The High Commissioner was entertained at a farewell luncheon in Federal Parliament House yesterday.

Sir George Reid subsequently left by the express to catch the Orvieto at Adelaide.

The railway from Kyogle to Casino was officially opened by the Minister for Works yesterday.

At a public meeting at Glen Innes it was decided to renew the agitation for the Glen Innes-Inverell railway.

The annual conference of the Political Labour League was opened at the Trades Hall yesterday.

The report of the executive dealt, among other matters, with the Senate campaign, Federal selections, election prospects, and organising.

It was resolved to refer the Federal selections back to the executive.

The conference carried a motion expressing the opinion that the financial agreement should not be embodied in the Constitution.

The motion was supported by Mr. J. C. Watson, Mr. W. M. Hughes, and other Labour members of the Federal Parliament.

Interesting disclosures are expected in the evidence to be placed before the Compulsory Arbitration Board at Newcastle.

It is believed that some of the operations of the coal vend will be brought to light.

The Minister for Defence has decided to send home an Australian crew to bring out the new torpedo boats.

Mr. Hogue in opening a Public school at Cronulla yesterday outlined the growth of the Public school system.

The New Zealand University Senate has decided to include military science as an optional subject in the course for the degrees of B.A. and B.Sc.

Walgett will escape inundation. The river is now stationary.

The bulk of the flood waters have reached the town and spread over the country.

The Anniversary Regatta was a successful feature of the holiday yesterday.

The flagship, the Marathon, was moored off Cremorne Point. The sailing and rowing events were well contested.

The All Yachts' Race was won by Magic. Awanui, which finished second, easily defeated Rawhiti.

The morning race for the 18-footers was won by Advance, and that in the afternoon by Nimrod.

In the rowing races the Balmain crew won the Maiden Fours, and Mercantile the Senior Fours.

Ten started in the All Comers' Sculling Handicap, which was the feature of the rowing races.

The result was a dead-heat between C. Walters and S. Pearce, who agreed to divide the prize money of £20.

The Druids' procession to the Agricultural Ground attracted a good deal of attention. There was a lavish display of symbols.

The interstate cricket match between Victoria and New South Wales was begun at the Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday.

Victoria went in first, and scored 180, to which New South Wales replied with 163.

At luncheon a welcome home was tendered to the Australian Eleven.

A presentation of a silver tea and coffee service was made to W. Bardsley, in recognition of his fine play during the tour.

A co-operative company for the manufacture of butter boxes is projected.

A wharf-labourer was killed yesterday while unloading mineral ore on board the German mail steamer Seydlitz.

The Victorian Government was urged by deputation to provide modern equipment at the dry docks, Melbourne.

It was desired that the State should be in readiness to obtain a share of the naval defence work.

A fire broke out among the coal in the port bunker of the German mail steamer Prinz Sigismund at Circular Quay yesterday.

The crew promptly got to work with the ship's fire-fighting appliances, and the flames were soon subdued.

Mr. R. M. Fitzgerald, one of the oldest pastoralists in the State, died in Sydney at the age of 74.

A boy named Alfred Ciulon, while swimming in Newcastle Harbour yesterday, was attacked by a shark.

His right leg was bitten off close to the thigh, and he died some hours later in the hospital.

There are a great number of sharks in Newcastle Harbour, having been attracted by the carcases of stock brought down by the floods.

The Norwegian barque Imacos struck a reef in the islands, and rapidly filled. The vessel was beached.

While salvage operations were proceeding, an explosion occurred in the after hold. The vessel caught fire, and was completely gutted.

Weather Forecast.—Hot and sultry weather inland; a cool southerly change, affecting the eastern and north-east districts expected; and becoming squally in the north.

The steamer Quito, with over 4000 tons of coal from Calcutta, being the first of the Government orders, arrived yesterday.

The boxing contest between Unholz and J. Summers, the English lightweight, at the Stadium last night resulted in a draw.

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†ORONTES	Healey	9,023	Mar. 2	Mar. 9	Mar. 11
†OTRANTO	Coad	12,124	Mar. 16	Mar. 23	Mar. 25
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MISS E. A. BURTON, Pupil of Mr. Henry Staell, is prepared to receive Pupils for VIOLIN, at the Room lately occupied by Mr. Staell at Angus-Coote's, George-street, 10 to 12 a.m.

THE CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, Hunter's Hill.—New term and year begin on Feb. 7, at 10 a.m. Miss Hooper at home on Jan. 25th and Feb. 4th. Special Literature Class open to non-school girls.

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MEETINGS.

BUDGERYGAR MINING COMPANY (NO LIABILITY).

NOTICE is hereby given that a GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at Sadling's Hotel, Panjee-street, Nyngan, on MONDAY, January 31, 1910, at 8 p.m.

Business:

1. To receive the Directors' Report and Balance-sheet.
2. To elect Two Directors in lieu of Messrs. James A. Draper and Edward E. Tyler, both of whom retire in accordance with the rules of the Company, but are eligible for re-election.
3. To consider the advisability of purchasing the Mineral Lease, Plant, and Property of the Budgerygar North, Block No. 2, Copper-mining Company, No Liability, and in the event of such purchase being authorised, to pass the following resolutions:—
1. That the Capital of the Company be increased by the creation of 36,000 new shares fully paid up to 2s each, and 28,800 new shares contributing up to 2s each.
2. That such contributing shares shall be issued with a qualified right in the distribution of the assets of the Company as follows: That in the event of the Company being wound up, the surplus assets thereof, that is to say the surplus after paying debts, liabilities, and the cost of winding up, shall be applied in the first place in repaying pari passu to the holders of the shares now fully paid up the full amount paid thereon, and to the holders of such 36,000 new fully paid up shares the sum of 2s each, and that in the second place such surplus assets shall be applied in repaying pari passu to the holders of all contributing shares the amount paid in respect of such shares, and then, subject as aforesaid, such surplus assets shall belong to and be divided among the members of the Company in proportion to the number of shares held by them respectively.
3. That on the above sale taking place the new fully paid up and contributing shares be transferred to the Budgerygar North Block No. 2 Copper-mining Company, No Liability, in payment and satisfaction for such purchase.
4. That the new capital of the Company shall be payable as follows: Two pence half-penny per share upon application therefor, and one penny by monthly Calls not exceeding one half-penny per share, and the balance when called for by Calls made in accordance with the rules of the Company.
4. That in the event of the said sale taking place, the number of Directors be increased to Seven, three of whom shall be elected by the Shareholders of this Company and three by the vendor Company, and the other Director shall be elected by such six elected Directors.
5. To transact any other business brought forward in conformity with the rules of the Company.

Proxy Forms must be deposited at the Office of the Company not less than 24 hours before time of meeting.

Dated at Nyngan this 21st day of January, 1910.
By order of the Board,
C. C. LEEDER,
Legal Manager.

PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Twenty-third ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders will be held at the Company's Offices, Nos. 2, 4, and 6 Spring-street, Sydney, THIS DAY, the 27th January, 1910, at 12 o'clock noon.

BUSINESS:

1. To receive the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1909.
2. To elect a Director in the place of the Honorable Reginald James Black, M.L.C., who retires in terms of the Articles of Association, but is eligible for re-election, and offers himself accordingly.
3. To elect Two Auditors for the current year. Messrs. J. E. Bowes and A. J. Brierley, the present auditors, are eligible for re-election, and have given the necessary notice that they are candidates.

By order of the Board.
A. J. MACKENZIE,
Manager.

Candidates for the offices of Director and Auditor are required by the Articles of Association to give at least seven (7) days' notice in writing of their intention to offer themselves for election.

NEWCASTLE WALLSEND COAL COMPANY.

INCORPORATED BY ACT OF PARLIAMENT.

NOTICE is hereby given that the HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders will be held in the Offices of the Company, South British-chambers, Bridge-street, Sydney, on THURSDAY, January 27, instant, at noon, to receive the Report of the Directors for the half-year ended December 31, 1909, to elect a Director in place of Mr. Herbert De Yongh Scroggie, who retires by rotation, is eligible for re-election, and has given the requisite notice of candidature; to elect two Auditors, and to transact such further business as may be brought before the meeting in terms of the Deed of Settlement.

By order of the Board,
JOHN WHEELER,
Secretary.

Sydney, January 1, 1910.

Mr. HERBERT DE YONGH SCROGGIE is the only Candidate for the Vacancy at the Board.
Sydney, January 12th, 1910.

THE NORTH COAST STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of this Company will be held at the Company's Head Office, 3 Sussex-street North, on FRIDAY, 28th day of January, 1910, at 11.15 a.m., to receive the Report and Balance-sheet for the half-year ending December 31, 1909; to elect two Directors in the room of Mr. G. C. Elliott and Mr. Walter C. Watt, who retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election; also confirm Mr. C. T. Metcalfe's appointment to the Board of Directors; to elect two Auditors, in the room of Mr. W. J. Green and Mr. W. E. Booth, A.C.P.A., both of whom are eligible for re-election; and to transact any other business that may be brought before the meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors,
ROBERT A. BELL, Manager.

Mr. G. C. Elliott and Mr. Walter C. Watt have given the requisite notice that they are Candidates for re-election as Directors.

The Share Register will be Closed from January 12 to 28 inclusive.

AUSTRALIAN GASLIGHT COMPANY.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of this Company (being an adjournment of the last Annual General Meeting) will be held at the Head Office of the Company, 163 Kent-street, Sydney, on THURSDAY, the 27th instant, at 2.15 p.m., to receive the report of the Directors for the past half-year.

The Transfer Books will be closed until after the meeting.

By order of the Board,
R. J. LUKEY,
Secretary.

Company's Head Office,
163 Kent-street, Sydney.
6th January, 1910.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FORTY-FIRST HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Registered Offices thereof, No. 98 Pitt-street, Sydney, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 12 o'clock noon.

To receive the Report of the Board of Directors for the Half-year ending 31st December, 1909.

To elect two Auditors in the room of Messrs. WILLIAM RIGG and H. YEWENS RUSSELL, who retire in conformity with the Articles of Association, and are eligible for re-election.

And to transact such other business as may be brought before the Meeting.

R. W. HUDSON,
Secretary.

GRAND UNITED ORDER OF ODDFELLOWS, SYDNEY DISTRICT.

The Annual MEETING of the above Society will be held at Hall, 238 Castlereagh-street, THIS NIGHT, Thursday, at 7.45 sharp.

BUSINESS:

Adoption of District Officers' Reports and Balance-sheets of District Funds, Trustees' Investment Accounts, and Hall Accounts to December 31, 1909.
Election of Officers for 1910.
Members of the Order invited.

By order of the Board,
SOLOMON M. STEENBHOM,
District and Hall Secretary.

DENTAL ASSOCIATION OF N.S.W.

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Association will be held on THURSDAY EVENING, 27th inst, at 8 o'clock, at Royal Society's Rooms, Elizabeth-street.

BUSINESS.

Installation of Officers, Presentation of Reports, and President's Address.

W. R. FITZSIMONS,
Hon. Secretary.

THE INCORPORATED AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SECRETARIES.

The First Statutory GENERAL MEETING of the Institute will be held in the Boardroom, Vickery's-chambers, 82 Pitt-street, Sydney, at 8 o'clock on the evening of FRIDAY, 28th January, 1910.

The Chair will be taken by the Hon. F. E. WINCHCOMBE, M.L.C., President of the Chamber of Commerce. By order of the Council.

H. R. WONSON, E. P. WILLMOTT,
Joint Secretaries.

Box 906, G.P.O. Sydney, 14th January, 1910.

LEICHHARDT-HOMEBUSH TRAM EXTENSION LEAGUE.—Special MEETING, all branches, Concord Town Hall, Thursday Night, 8 o'clock. Business very important. LINCOLN GIBSON, Hon. Sec.

L.O.L., 186.—Meeting on Thursday, 27th January, R.A.P. degree.

LECTURES.

ARE We Related to the Prehistoric People in Life and Tendencies, 8 p.m. 39 Hunter-st (n. P.-st), 6d.

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THIS DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.

JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street, the UNREDEEMED JEWELLERY pledged with Mr. A. Flenberg, of 74 Regent-street, Redfern, consisting of—Gold and Silver Watches, Gold Alberts, Muff Chains, Links, Chain Bracelets, Diamond Brooches, Earrings, Lockets, Bangles, Studs, Pins, Diamond, Signet, Keeper, and Wedding Rings.

THIS DAY, AT 2.30, at 170 GEORGE-STREET WEST, opposite St. Barnabas' Church.

MIDDLETON and CO. sell by auction Brass-mounted Bedsteads and Bedding, Sideboards, Combination Chests, Handsome Toilet Pair, Wardrobe, Drawing-room Suites, Pictures, Dresser, Cutlery, Musical Box, Furniture, etc.; also Violin in case.
NO RESERVE.

THIS DAY, AT 11 A.M. AND 2.30 P.M.,
AT 265 PITT-STREET.

C. BROWN will sell the Unredeemed Pledges of two Pawnbrokers: also Job Lines and Samples.

HYAM HAINS will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 a.m., on the Premises, 4 Little Belmore-street, Surry Hills, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE. WITHOUT RESERVE.

AUCTION SALE, Cottenham-st, Glebe, at 11 This Day, Furniture and Effects. No Reserve.

INGLIS'S BAZAAR, THIS DAY,
AT 10.30 A.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 sharp, Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness; Draught Horses, Tipcarts, Horses, and Harness; and at 11 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description, specially advertised. Tel., 1381.

OPPENHEIM BUGGY, WITH BRAKE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. ROBERTSON, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
D.-S. Oppenheim Buggy, in good order.

SUPERIOR DOGCART TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. Gowing to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Bay Gelding, reliable, and good Dogcart by Haining, and set B.M. Harness.

SUPERIOR HOOKER VICTORIA TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Upstanding (ZR) Gelding, 17 hands, quiet and staunch; Victoria (by Hooker), and Harness, in good condition.

2 HIGH-CLASS SULKY TURNOUTS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Bay Cob Gelding, Sporting Sulky, and Harness; also Bay Mare (can trot 3 min.), Rubber-tyred Sulky, and Harness, making 2 first-class turnouts.

UPSTANDING S. AND H. HORSE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. RYAN, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 12 o'clock,
Grey Gelding, 16.2, thoroughly broken to saddle and harness, suit a cab or Victoria.

BUGGY MARE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. PRENDERGAST, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 12 o'clock,
Bay Mare, 6yrs, 14.2, very reliable in saddle and harness.

INGLIS'S BAZAAR.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY,
AT 12 O'CLOCK.

27 UPSTANDING LIGHT HORSES. 27

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. E. Spearman to sell by auction, as above.
27 Upstanding Light Harness and Saddle Horses, all the right ages for work, broken in, ready for immediate use.

The above are the last of the draft of horses supplied by Mr. Spearman, at the recent Liverpool encampment, and are for positive Unreserved Sale.

SAD. AND HAR. HORSE, FROM COFF'S HARBOUR.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. B. SINGLE to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Well-bred Chest. Gelding, 3 years, broken to sad. and har.

22 SUPERIOR FRESH COUNTRY HORSES AND PONIES FOR SALE, AT INGLIS' BAZAAR,
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY,
AT 12 O'CLOCK.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. G. CHRISTEY (Goulburn) to sell by auction, as above.

Included in the lot are several high-class Ponies, suitable for trotting or show purposes, by Togo, Brasil, Robert Emmett, and Harold Hamilton, showing plenty of quality, from 3 to 6 yrs., all broken in.

MILCH COWS. MILCH COWS.

INGLIS AND SON'S RAILWAY STOCK SALEYARDS, 827 GEORGE-STREET.

THIS DAY (THURSDAY), AT 11 A.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell as above, on account of Messrs. McIntosh Bros., D. Duffer, and others,
60 First-class Milch Cows, in full milk, with young calves at foot, from the best dairies in the Southern and Hunter districts.

8 MILCH COWS FROM BRINGELLY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. Auschan to sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 a.m.,
8 First-class Milch Cows, with calves at foot.

HORSES HORSES. HORSES.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY,
AT 2 P.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, as above.
On account Mr. JOS. TUMETH, Armidale.
20 First-class Horses, comprising principally upstanding light Harness Horses, all in good condition, suitable for cab, sulky, sociable, and tradesmen's cart work, all broken in with the exception of two or three.

Included in the lot are 12 splendid brood Mares, direct from Messrs. Gordon Bros.' Gragin station, Warialda, and bearing their well-known CB brand.

On account Mr. GEO. CHRISTEY, Goulburn.
10 Heavy and Medium Draughts, all the right ages, in top condition, broken and unbroken.

On account Mr. J. Knowles, Goulburn.
20 Useful Class Harness Horses and Hackneys, principally 4 to 6 years old, broken in.

On account owner.
4 Active Van Horses, in hard-feed condition.
On account Mr. A. D. Wright, Liverpool.
Handsome Upstanding Jet Black Gelding, 16.2 high, 5 years, thoroughly broken, specially suitable cab, brougham, or sociable work.

SALE OF THOROUGHBRED HORSES,
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 27.
Commencing at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON hereby notify that they will hold a Sale of RACEHORSES and other THOROUGHBRED STOCK at
T. PAYTEN'S NEWMARKET STABLES,
RANDWICK,
As above.

The following are advised, viz.:—
SCOTCH PIE (2¼), b c, 3 years (half-bro. to Brakpan, Grasspan, and Koopan), by Ayr Laddie (imp.)—Piccrust, by Martini Henry.
PROPOSITION (17), br h, 5 years (half-bro. to Comely), by Grafton (imp.)—Symmetry, by Trenton.
BORODINO (1), br h, 4 years (brother to Blue Moon and Beam), by Simmer (imp.)—May Moon, by Medallion.
CONTORP, br h, 5 years, by Conqueror—Kokirikira, by Torpedo.
FILLE FOGI, br g, 5 years (brother to Nandillyan Maid), by Lancaster—Nowra Maid, by Manton.
FOLA, b g, 2 years, by Tenerhone—Lady Touchstone (dam of Abbey Boy and Gold Stud), by Ecal.
ILLINOIS (5), br c, 3 years (half-bro. to Footstool), by Pleyos (imp.)—Bange, by Far Niente (imp.).
DETON VIE, br m, a, by Soult (imp.)—Lydlite.
B G, 4 years, by Barragunda (half-bro. to Wallace)—Miss Trenchant, by Trenchant, untried.
BARNSDALE (9), ch c, 2 years (bro. to Naradhan), by Oeni (imp.)—Cymbal, by Correze.
GOLD PAN, br g, 5 years, by Brakpan—Brown L., by Pleaton.
WIRE BOY, b g, 5 years, by Haut Boy—Barmaid.
Br C, 2 years, by Dorchester—Minnie Warren, by Pinchbk.
LATITUDE (3), b g, 4 years, by Ruenall—Parallel, by Stockwell.
PTAH, b c, 2 years, by Duke of Melton (imp.)—Chantress (dam of Wallenda), by Bill of Portland (imp.).
PROBUS (4), b g a., by Antaeus—Problem IV., by Roodee.
B G (27), 5 years, by Gerard—Ariana, by Mandrake.
EDNA MAY (13), b m, 4 years, by Playbill (imp.)—Puritan, by Positano (imp.).
FREDERICK, blk g, a., by Soult (imp.)—mare by Hippocampus.
JOHNSON, blk g, a., by Uhlan—Nella.
PLEADER, br g, 5 years, by Barrister—mare by Gemma de Vergy.

CATALOGUES ON APPLICATION.

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WEAVER and PERRY (in conjunction with H. CHISHOLM and CO.) have received instructions from Hunter White, Esq., Havilah, to sell by auction at the CAMPERDOWN SALE YARDS, on FRIDAY, 28th January, at 2.30 p.m. sharp,
35 High-class Thoroughbred Geldings and Mares, 3, 4, and 5 years old, chiefly unbroken, by Clan Stuart, Brakpan, Louis XIII., Skopos, and Atlas, from Stud Book mares.

These will be found a particularly good lot of Horses. Catalogues will be forwarded on application.
11 Well-bred Horses, 4 and 5 years old, chiefly unbroken, by Impetus, Hakatere, Atlas, Skopos, Kingston, Jun., Musketeer, and Louis XIII.

Also,—
On account R. J. COLLINS, Esq.
10 High-class Ponies, broken and unbroken, 3 to 5 years old, direct from the breeder.

On Account T. GILDEA, Esq.
10 Useful Saddle and Harness Horses, also Chestnut Gelding, Hardy, by Jeweller from Nina.

WOOL SALES will be held TO-DAY at the Sydney Wool Exchange, at 3 p.m., as under:—
Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., 5021 bales.
Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd., 4933 bales.

PRODUCE SALES will be held TO-DAY as under:—Hair, Horns, etc., at 10 a.m.; Tallow, at 2.30 p.m.

STANMORE.
UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE.
NEXT FRIDAY, 28th inst.,
At the Residence, ELSWICK, CARDIGAN-STREET (near Salisbury-street).
Instructed by Mr. Hodgson.

The Whole of the Superior FURNITURE and EFFECTS, including PIANOFORTE, SIDEBOARD, BEDROOM SUITES, WARDROBES, COMB. CHESTS, Etc, Etc.

NO RESERVE. Fuller particulars in to-morrow's issue.

HERMAN COHEN, SON, and CORK, Auctioneers, 84 George-street West. 'Phone, 589 Glebe.

ANNANDALE.
SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION.
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, JANUARY 28
AT 11 O'CLOCK,
under instructions from W. NICKOLLS, Esq.,
in consequence of having sold
MARBLE HALL, 342 ANNANDALE-STREET.
ARTISTIC MODERN FURNITURE AND EFFECTS,
comprising

ARTISTIC TASMANIAN BLACKWOOD BEDROOM SUITE, of very superior finish, consisting of a handsome 7ft 6in x 6ft Wardrobe, with Bevelled Mirror Door, Side Cupboards, and several Drawers, Large DRESSING TABLE, with Swing Bevelled Mirror and Drawers, COMBINATION WASHSTAND with Marble Top, Tiled Back, also CHAIRS en suite.

SUPERIOR TASMANIAN BLACKWOOD DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, upholstered in Silk Tapestry, 7 pcs.

STAINED WALNUT WARDROBE, 7 x 4, Bevelled Mirror, Glass Doors.

DINING-ROOM FURNITURE, KITCHEN and BEDROOM REQUISITES, and SUNDRIES.

Please take Tram to foot of Johnston-street.

JAMES COWAN,
AUCTIONEER, BUILDERS' EXCHANGE.

ARNOTT'S FAMOUS BISCUITS.
ARNOTT'S MILK ARROWROOTS.
NOTED FOR PURITY.
ARNOTT'S. Do not forget—ARNOTT'S.
Ask clearly for Arnott's.
Look, see you have them.

PETERSHAM—LEWISHAM.

(CLOSE TO DULWICH HILL TRAM TERMINUS.)

IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY,

27th JANUARY, AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.,
at

ETHELTON,

No. 140 BOULEVARD, PETERSHAM,

Under instructions from

J. WALTON, Esq.,

in consequence of his projected departure for Europe.

THE WHOLE OF HIS SUPERIOR FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS.

QUANTITY OF GLASS, CHINA, AND ELECTRO-PLATE.

HANDSOME WALNUT DINING-ROOM FURNITURE, ROSEWOOD DRAWING-ROOM APPOINTMENTS.

VALUABLE PIANOFORTE, WALNUT UPRIGHT GRAND, IN VERY EXCELLENT ORDER, by RENARDI.

MASSIVE BEDROOM FURNITURE, for DOUBLE AND SINGLE ROOMS.

THE WHOLE TO BE SOLD WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

ON VIEW PRIOR TO SALE THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,
FINE ART, FURNITURE, AND GENERAL AUCTIONEERS,
128, 130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.
TELEPHONE, 2056 CENTRAL.

DOWLING-STREET, MOORE PARK.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY,
27th JANUARY, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE,
BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE ARE INSTRUCTED TO SELL BY AUCTION, ON THE PREMISES, 563 DOWLING-STREET, opposite Moore Park, THE COMPLETE FURNITURE AND EFFECTS of AN EIGHT-ROOMED RESIDENCE, including:—
Floor Coverings, Carpets, Linen, Large Ice Chest, Furniture for Five Bedrooms, Sitting and Dining Rooms, Kitchen, etc., etc.

ON VIEW THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING PRIOR TO SALE.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, 28th JANUARY.
AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

PIANOFORTES,

NEW AND SECOND-HAND.

HIGHLY-IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION
at
THE AUCTION SALEROOMS
of

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,

128 and 130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.

THIRTY-FIVE PIANOFORTES,
by
LEADING ENGLISH and GERMAN MAKERS,
including

RICHARD LIPP and SOHN, STEINWAY and SONS, JOHN BROADWOOD and SONS, ERARD, VICTOR, MIGNON, HAGSPIEL, HAAKE, SCHALCKE, BELLING,
Etc., Etc.

ALSO,

VALUABLE AEOLIAN AND MUSIC.

MAGNIFICENT WHEELOCK PIANOLA PIANO, Etc., Etc.

NOTE:—

THE INSTRUMENTS WILL BE OPEN FOR INSPECTION, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 27th JANUARY, from 10 o'clock a.m. till 5 p.m.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,
FURNITURE and GENERAL AUCTIONEERS,
128 and 130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.
TELEPHONE, 2056 CENTRAL.

AUCTIONEERS' SPECIAL NOTICE.

IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE SALE OF DR. A. LEWIS LEVY'S FURNITURE AND EFFECTS AT OURIMBAH, 35 ELIZABETH BAY-ROAD, THERE WILL BE NO SALE OF FURNITURE IN THE MART TO-MORROW (FRIDAY).

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,
128-130 PITT-STREET.

TO MACHINERY MERCHANTS, ENGINEERS, MANUFACTURERS AND OTHERS INTERESTED.

GRANVILLE.

TO-MORROW, JANUARY 28.

AT TWELVE O'CLOCK SHARP.

UNRESERVED SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION,

ON ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

OF A 15-H.P.

"BENZ" GAS SUCTION PLANT,

COMPLETE WITH ENGINE, HAS NEVER BEEN IN USE, AND IN PERFECT CONDITION, at present stored at the

CLYDE ENGINEERING WORKS, GRANVILLE.

AND WHERE INTENDING BUYERS MAY INSPECT ON OBTAINING AN ORDER FROM THE AUCTIONEERS.

THE AUCTIONEERS' INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO SELL WITHOUT ANY RESERVE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.

DEAN AND CO.
(D. H. VALANTINE, AUCTIONEER),
GENERAL AUCTIONEERS, 56 YORK-STREET,
TELEPHONE, CITY 2817.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 27,
At the
CITY MART, 8 SPRING STREET, AT 11 A.M.

ON ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, WITH ALL FAULTS.

Ex TAIYUAN.
234 PACKAGES KOOLOO TEA.
12 PACKAGES KOOLOO TEA.

FRASER, UTHER, AND CO., LTD.,
Will sell by Auction, the above.

TO GROCERS, SMALL SHOPKEEPERS, DEALERS, etc., on the Premises, 56 SMITH-STREET, Surry Hills (off Reservoir-street), THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 o'clock.

The whole of the Stock of GENERAL GROCERIES of every description (all standard brands).
Also HABERDASHERY, Hosiery, Fancy Goods, etc., Scales and Weights, Showcases, Counter, Shelving, Fireworks, and a host of Sundries.

M. GOULSTON and COY.,
General Auctioneers and Valuers,
will sell THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., as above.
Auctioneers' Offices, 243 Pitt-street. Tel., 1211 City.

THIS DAY, AT 11 A.M.

ON THE PREMISES, 2 ST. MARY'S-TERRACE, SIR JOHN YOUNG'S-CRESCENT, LOWER DOMAIN.

THE CONTENTS OF A 12-ROOMED HOUSE, consisting of

AN ASSORTED QUANTITY OF ELECTROPLATED WARE.

Dining Table, Chiff. Sideboards, Carpets, Uph. Easy Chairs, Couches, Clock and Thermometer, Pictures, Oil Paintings, Comb. and Chests of Drawers, Single and Double Bedsteads, Bed Clothing, Washstands and Ware, Toilet Tables, Hallstands, Austrian Chairs, Chiff. Sefes, Dresser, Kitchen Tables, Kitchen Utensils, etc.

ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

J. RUSSELL JONES has received instructions to sell by auction, as above.

LEICHHARDT.
PUBLIC AUCTION SALE.
On the Premises,
ADARENE, AUSTENHAM-ROAD,
TUESDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1910, 2.30 P.M.
SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

comprising DRAWING, DINING, BREAKFAST, and BEDROOM FURNITURE, Overmantels, Hall Furniture, Splendid Sideboard, Bedroom Suites, Kit. Furniture, Utensils, Lady's and Gent.'s Bicycles, Books, Garden Seat, Carpenter's Bench, Garden Tools, Wheelbarrow, Fowls, and Canaries.

N.B.—Every Lot to be sold, the Vendor leaving for Europe.

W. R. AINSWORTH, AUCTIONEER, 4 NORTON-STREET, LEICHHARDT, has received instructions from GEO. PECK, Esq., to sell the above.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 2 O'CLOCK,
On the Premises, Church-street, Parramatta,
THE PARRAMATTA CAFE.

E. P. PEARCE has received instructions from Mrs. Flexman to offer the above for Sale in one line. Failing satisfactory bid, will be cut up. Full Plant, comprising 4 doz. Aust. Chairs, Tables, Cutlery, Linen, Utensils necessary for business; also magnificent Piano, Rattan Suite, Bedroom Suite, Bedsteads and Bedding, Overmantel, Pictures, Ornaments, etc.

ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

THIS DAY, AT 2 P.M.—Opp. Moorefield Hotel, KOGARAH.—Building Material of Blacksmith Shop, 18 x 50, Brick Chimney, 50 Shts. Gal. Iron, etc. TERMS CASH. NO RESERVE.

J. F. HEGERTY will sell by auction as above.

THIS DAY, AT 2.30 P.M.—UNION-STREET, WEST KOGARAH.—HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS of Four-roomed Cottage.

J. F. HEGERTY is instructed by Mrs. E. SHELDON, who is leaving district, to sell as above.
NO RESERVE. TERMS CASH.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, JANUARY 28,
AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION.

Under instructions from

DR. A. LEWIS LEVY,

IN CONSEQUENCE OF HIS DEPARTURE FOR EUROPE.

THE WHOLE OF THE

VALUABLE FURNITURE

and

THE RECHERCHE AND COSTLY APPOINTMENTS

of his Residence,

OURIMBAH,

35 ELIZABETH BAY-ROAD,

ELIZABETH BAY.

CRYSTAL CUT TABLE GLASS,

Including a Suite from the Famous House, OSLER and CO., Oxford-street, London.

FINE CHINA AND PORCELAIN.

ROYAL WORCESTER CHINA DESSERT SERVICE, with Exquisite Paintings of Flowers in Medallions.

UNIQUE DINNER SERVICE,

OLD LUSTRE CHINA.

A very large Service, with deep Royal Blue Border (of special interest to connoisseurs and collectors).

ELECTROPLATE,

A FULL COMPLEMENT OF BEST QUALITY TABLE PLATE, by the LEADING ENGLISH SILVERSMITHS, in Fine Preservation.

STERLING SILVER PLATE,

including—

A FULL TABLE SERVICE, CONTAINED IN AN OAK IRON-BOUND CHEST, from the Celebrated House of D. and J. WELLBY, London.

Also,

Sweetmeat Dishes, Specimen Vases, Tea Services, Claret Jugs, Cake and Fruit Baskets, Muffineers, etc, etc.

GEORGE III. AND IV. AND EARLY VICTORIAN SILVER.

THE DINING-ROOM FURNITURE
in
CHIPPENDALE DESIGN.

LOUIS XV. DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE.

LIPP PIANOFORTE,

A SUPERB DRAWING-ROOM GRAND, IN EBONIZED CASE, BY THE GREAT MAKERS, RICHARD LIPP AND SOHN, STUTTGART.

EXQUISITE FRENCH PORCELAIN VASES,

Purchased in the French Court of the First Melbourne International Exhibition.

CHINESE XVII. CENTURY BOWL

OF RARE CLOISONNE ENAMEL, ON A CARVED HARDWOOD STAND.

*** This Exceedingly Rare Example of the Earliest Chinese Cloisonne is unique, and should attract the Special Notice of Connoisseurs and Collectors.

LIBRARY FURNITURE,
including

A WALNUT WOOD KNEE-HOLE WRITING TABLE, with carved legs and mouldings, cloth-lined top, and two Drawers. Size, 5ft x 2ft 3in.

WALNUT WOOD BOOKCASE.

A charming piece, with plateglass doors and deep Drawer.

CHESTERFIELD COUCH,

AND DIVAN EASY CHAIRS, UPHOLSTERED IN BOUKETTE TAPESTRY.

RED CHINESE LACQUER AND CARVED TABLE and PEDESTAL.

ROYAL AXMINSTER CARPETS,

IN ARTISTIC TASTE, to the HALL, STAIRS, and the SEVERAL ROOMS THROUGHOUT THE RESIDENCE (Practically New).

BRIDGE AND CARD TABLES.

EXHIBITION BEDROOM SUITE,

Specially made to order
IN ENGLAND,
IN SOLID AMERICAN WALNUT.

WITHOUT ANY EXCEPTION ONE OF THE FINEST BEDROOM SUITES EVER SUBMITTED AT AUCTION IN AUSTRALIA.

ROYAL DOULTON TOILET SERVICES.

ALL-BRASS ITALIAN BEDSTEADS, DOUBLE and SINGLE,

Furnished with SANITARY WOVEN WIRE MATTRESSES, HORSEHAIR MATTRESSES, and MOSQUITO NETS.

HOUSE DAMASK AND LINEN.

THE COMPLETE APPOINTMENTS
of
MINOR BEDROOMS.

KITCHEN, PANTRIES, and OFFICES.

VERY SUPERIOR ICE CHEST.

Also,

DR. LEVY'S SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS
and
CONSULTING ROOM FURNITURE.

Instrument Cabinets, Operating Table, Weighing Machine, etc., etc.

LARGE IRON SAFE, 33 x 28 x 24, by DIEBOLD SAFE and LOCK CO.

SMALL IRON SAFE, 22 x 14 x 14
(Signal Fire Resisting).

LARGE MAHOGANY PEDESTAL WRITING DESK, with cylinder fall front.
ETC., ETC., ETC.

OURIMBAH will be open to view THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 27th JANUARY, FROM 10 A.M.,
and
PRIOR TO SALE TO-MORROW, FRIDAY.

LOVERS of HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE will find ample scope for admiration in the inspection of these valuable effects. The whole of the CARPETS, WINDOW CURTAINS, ETC., and a VERY CONSIDERABLE PORTION OF THE FURNITURE were supplied by BEARD, WATSON, Ltd.

*** SPECIAL ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE SUPERB BEDROOM SUITE in the principal bedroom. This Suite was specially imported by Dr. Levy from England.

*** THE WHOLE OF THESE VALUABLE EFFECTS are in most BEAUTIFUL ORDER, and will be sold WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

CATALOGUES MAY BE HAD FROM THE AUCTIONEERS, AND AT THE RESIDENCE.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,
FINE ART, FURNITURE, and GENERAL AUCTIONEERS,
128-130 PITT-STREET, NEAR KING-STREET.

TELEPHONE, 2056 CENTRAL.

ROSE BAY.

IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY,
27th JANUARY, at 2.30 o'clock in the Afternoon.

AT THE RESIDENCE, "MERKARA," WILBERFORCE-AVENUE, ROSE BAY,
under instructions from
J. W. McCUTCHEON, Esq.,
in consequence of leaving Sydney.

THE WHOLE OF THE FURNITURE
and
HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS,

all of which is in very fine order, having been supplied within the last few months by Messrs. ANTHONY HORDERN and SONS, including:—

SUPERIOR DINING-ROOM FURNITURE.

SOLID ROSEWOOD DRAWING-ROOM SUITE.

UPRIGHT HAPSBURG PIANOFORTE, LATEST MODEL, IN HANDSOME WALNUT CASE.

A UNIQUE COPPER SHIELD,

FRAMED IN CARVED OAK MADE FROM THE WRECK OF THE FOUDROYANT, LORD NELSON'S FLAGSHIP.

TWO SUPERIOR BEDROOM SUITES.
DOUBLE AND SINGLE BEDSTEADS AND BEDDING.
WALNUT SINGER SEWING MACHINE.

KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY REQUISITES,
SEVERAL LARGE PALMS,
Etc., Etc., Etc.

ON VIEW THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING PRIOR TO SALE.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE,
FURNITURE AND GENERAL AUCTIONEERS,
128, 130 PITT-STREET, near KING-STREET.

THIS DAY, at 2.30, at THE MART, OXFORD-SQUARE.

N. RUMEISEN will Sell large quantity New and S.H. Clothing, Underwear, Walnut PIANO, Fancy Goods. NO RESERVE.

TYPEWRITER Sale, 2nd-hand Machines reduced in price. Buy now. Stott and Hoare, Moore-st.

CONTINUATION SALE OF

"FAIRLIGHT ESTATE," FIVE DOCK.

RIGHT IN THE CENTRE OF A PROGRESSIVE AND HEALTHY SUBURB.

THIS ESTATE IS "THE KEY" OF THE WHOLE DISTRICT.

CLEARANCE SALE, ON THE GROUND,

NEXT SATURDAY, AT 3 P.M.

"FAIRLIGHT ESTATE" is prominently situate on the "CREST OF A HILL," commanding permanent views of WATER and LANDSCAPE. ABBOTSFORD TRAM runs RIGHT TO THE ESTATE, very frequent service, and connects with splendid sea baths.

FIVE DOCK is easily reached by excellent tram service, about 30 minutes from the city. THOUSANDS OF POUNDS have been spent in this district; and already is becoming a VERY IMPORTANT CENTRE, and

BUYERS OF TO-DAY WILL DOUBLE THEIR MONEY.

TERMS: 10 per cent. deposit, balance in 12 quarterly instalments at 5 per cent. TITLE TORRENS.

HUGH DUFF & CO., AUCTIONEERS, 283 GEORGE-ST.,

in conjunction with MYLER and CASHMAN, FIVE DOCK.

BURWOOD.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE OF MODERN FURNITURE,

removed for convenience of sale from the residence, at MARMION-STREET, KINGSTON,
to
BURWOOD SALEROOMS,
FRIDAY (TO-MORROW), AT 11 A.M.

WALNUT-CASED RONISCH PIANO, in splendid order, and possessing the rich and full tone for which these instruments are justly famous.
PACKARD ORGAN, 8 STOPS.
HANDSOME SIDEBOARD, WITH DEEPLY BEVELLED MIRRORS, in perfect taste and condition.
9-PIECE LEATHER DINING SUITE, WITH BLACKWOOD FRAMES.
MODERN BEDSTEADS AND BEDDING, specially supplied by BEARD, WATSON, Ltd.
Axminster Carpets and Linoleums.
Ornaments and Pictures.
SOLID WALNUT HALL SUITE, 3 pcs.
ROSEWOOD MUSIC CABINET.
SINGER SEWING MACHINE,
in good order and condition.
8ft EXTENSION DINING TABLE, practically new.
MEDIUM-SIZED ICE CHEST, RATTAN CHAIRS.
FIRST-CLASS PATENT MANGLE.
RALEIGH, EUREKA, AND MAIN GAS STOVES, of modern type, and in excellent condition.
FURNISHINGS OF MINOR BEDROOMS.
CHINA, GLASSWARE, AND CUTLERY.
GENTLEMAN'S CYCLE, by BENNETT and WOOD, Ltd.
THE KITCHEN FURNISHINGS ARE BEAUTIFULLY CLEAN, and will commend themselves to housewives.
etc., etc., etc.

In addition to the above, the catalogue includes a great variety of Furniture and Effects, concerning which we have received POSITIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE VENDORS to realise, and the Auctioneers confidently recommend buyers generally to seize the opportunity thus offered.

STRONGMAN, WATSON, & HAWKINS,
FURNITURE AND GENERAL AUCTIONEERS,
BURWOOD.

HUNTER'S HILL.

THIS DAY, AT 11 A.M.

IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION,
at
AULDIE,
FERDINAND-STREET, HUNTER'S HILL.

***Boat leaves Circular Quay at 10 o'clock. Alight at Mount-street Wharf.

BEST QUALITY ELECTROPLATE, CHINA, GLASSWARE, EXTRA LARGE BLACKWOOD BOOKCASE, LOT WELL-BOUND BOOKS, Cedar Sideboard, EXTENSION DINING TABLE, Oak Hall Stand, DIVAN EASY CHAIRS, CARVED TABLES, OVERMANTELS, CARPETS, Linoleums, Curtains, SPLENDID ORNAMENTS, Extra Well-made BEDROOM SUITES, GOOD BEDSTEADS with best Bedding, CEDAR CHESTS, Toilet Ware, KITCHEN and LAUNDRY REQUISITES.

PATENT TWO-ROLLER MANGLE, SEWING MACHINE, GARDEN TOOLS, etc., etc.

SYDNEY DAVIS,
AUCTIONEER,
3 Post Office-chambers, Pitt-street. Tel., 2486 City.

IMPERATIVE
NOTICE TO QUIT.

MUST VACATE PREMISES
at
AN EARLY DATE.

THE WHOLE OF THE VALUABLE STOCK
of
HIGH-CLASS FURNISHINGS, PIANOS,
and
GENERAL HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS,
amounting to
£6000. SIX THOUSAND. £6000.
On the Premises,
THE HAYMARKET BUILDINGS,
George and Barlow streets, near Central Railway Station.

BY PUBLIC AUCTION.
FIRST GREAT CLEARING SALE,
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 11,
and
continuing each day until the whole of the Valuable Stock is Cleared, to enable the Vendors to hand over the Premises to the Trustees in the Estate of the Late S. HORDERN.

DRAWING, DINING, HALL, SINGLE, ¾, AND DOUBLE BEDROOM APPOINTMENTS.

Oak, Walnut, and Rosewood Furnishings
Carpets and Linoleums
Pianos, Organs, Violins
Fine China, Cut Glassware, Crockery
Valuable Ornaments
Overmantels and Pier Glasses
Lace Curtains and Household Drapings.

THE WHOLE OF THE MAGNIFICENT STOCK, too Large and Varied to Particularise,
but
ABSOLUTELY TO CLEAR AT SHORT NOTICE.

E. HEBDEN BRODRIBB will sell by Public Auction, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, and from day to day until the whole is cleared, on the Premises,
THE HAYMARKET PRIVATE AND COMMISSION ROOMS.

Now on View through the Show Windows.
Doors open THIS DAY at 8.30.

SALE AT 11 SHARP.
BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 11 A.M.
Duly instructed by Mr. Frewin, we shall sell all the FURNITURE and HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS as contained in his residence,
No. — CHRISTY-STREET, NORTH SYDNEY.
SALE AT 11 A.M. SHARP.
No reserve.

GIBBS, SMITH, AND CO.,
Auctioneers,
119 Bathurst-street, Sydney.

IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE
of
SUPERIOR AND HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE.
Duly Instructed,
We shall Sell, on the Premises,
91 WALKER-STREET, NORTH SYDNEY,

all the FURNITURE and HOUSEHOLD effects, comprising Drawing, Dining, Bedroom Suites, Magnificent Sideboards, Bedsteads, in B. and B., Carpets, Linos., Oilcloths, Hearthrugs, Crockery, Plate, etc, etc. Also, at same time and place, under instructions from a leading Sydney nurseryman we shall sell a most Magnificent Collection of Choice Plants, Ferns of all kinds, Beautiful Coleus, Fuchsias in bloom, Asparagus Ferns, Begonias, Variegated Plants, Climbers (all kinds), Hanging Basket Plants, Ornamental Trees, Cactus Dahlias, etc, etc. NOTE.—There being absolutely No Reserve, this is your chance for great Bargains. Sale to take place THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 2 p.m., and TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, from 10.30 a.m., throughout the day.

GIBBS, SMITH, AND CO.,
Auctioneers,
119 Bathurst-street, Sydney.

THIS DAY, JANUARY 27th, AT 11 A.M.
AT THOMPSON-STREET, near DUNCAN-STREET, DRUMMOYNE.
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS.
UNDER IMPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

WALNUT-FINISHED SIDEBOARD, P.G. Back
Dining Table, Couch, Rocker, American Chairs
SINGER 7-DRAWER DROPHEAD MACHINE
Carpet, Oilcloth, Pictures, E.P. Ware
WALNUT-FINISHED BEACONSFIELD WARDROBE and COMBINATION CHEST OF DRAWERS
Dble. and Single Bedsteads, Cot and Bedding
Dresser, Safe, Crockery, Kitchen Utensils
Large Aviary and Canaries, Garden Tools, etc.
SADDLE and BRIDLE.

A. G. JENKINS
will sell as above, THIS MORNING.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

Under instructions from C. F. W. LLOYD, Esq., OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE,
in the Estate of Richard Warburton,
THIS DAY, JANUARY 27th, AT 2 P.M.
On the Premises, BROWN-STREET, NEWTOWN.
STOCK-IN-TRADE.

Closet Pans, Ridging, Gutterings, and Sheet Galv. Iron, Lead, and Iron Piping
Ts, Unions, Elbows, Brass Fittings, 2 Sets Tubs, and a Lot of other Plumber's Sundries.
OFFICE DESK and Pigeonholes
SULKY and HARNESS, etc, etc.

A. G. JENKINS
will sell as above, THIS AFTERNOON.
WITHOUT RESERVE.

IMPORTANT TO SPECULATIVE BUILDERS, CONTRACTORS, SLATERS, AND OTHERS.

SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
THIS AFTERNOON, AT 2.30.

Demolition of 6-ROOMED COTTAGE, at GODERICK, opp. HOTEL MANSIONS, BAYSWATER-ROAD, DARLINGHURST.

3000 PURPLE BANGOR SLATES, 20 x 10, 18 x 10
8 SLATE SLABS, 6ft long x 30 inches x 2in thick
8 PLATE GLASS SHELVES, 6ft long, 24in x 1½in thick
200 SHEETS OF GALVANISED IRON, 6 to 9 feet.
COPPER TANK, 1½cwt, 300ft 1½ and 1 in COPPER PIPING. The above will be sold by weight.
2000 FEET OREGON JOISTS, 6 x 3, 20 feet long
3000 FEET H'WOOD JOISTS, 6 x 3, 5 x 2½, good lot
3000 FEET RAFTERS and CEILING JOISTS, 4 x 2½, 3 x 2
1000 FEET 3 x 1 BATTENS, 1000 Feet Lining Boards
2/50 FEET IRON PALISADE Railing Fence
BATHS, COPPERS, GAS and Water Piping, and Fittings
1500 FEET H'WOOD and KAURI Flooring Boards
10 SPLENDID 4-PANEL DOORS, double moulded
8 FRAMED LEDGE DOORS, with frames complete
15 MODERN BOX FRAMES and Sashes
700 Earthenware Open Drain Pipes.
LARGE QUANTITY OF MILL-ROLLED SASHES, suitable for hothouses; and Hosts of SUNDRIES.

A. BARNETT AND PUGH have been instructed by Mr. J. COULING, DEMOLITION CONTRACTOR, to sell out every line WITHOUT RESERVE.

NOTE: THIS AFTERNOON, AT 2.30.

FOURTEEN Days' Sale of Second-hand Typewriters, great barg., all makes. Stott and Hoare, Moore-st.

ORDER OF SALE.

SHARES AND PROPERTIES TO BE SUBMITTED BY PUBLIC AUCTION, THIS DAY, BY HUGH DUFF AND CO., AT THEIR SALEROOMS, 283 GEORGE-STREET, AT 11.30 A.M.

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GEORGE TWOHILL, C. S. ORR, Joint Hon. Secs.

MR. H. E. PRATTEN will Address the Electors of Parkes, in the Congregational School Hall, Croydon, TO-NIGHT, at 8 o'clock.

Chairman, Dr. MARDEN.

MORNING STAR

BY H. RIDER HAGGARD.

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CHAPTER X.—Continued.

Now when the soldiers heard these dreadful words, one by one they turned and crept down the stairs, till at last there were left upon the pylon roof only the Queen and Asti, crouching at her feet, and the monstrous Abi, her uncle.

He looked at her, and thrice he tried to speak, but failed, for the words choked in his throat. A fourth time he tried, and they came hoarsely:

"Take off your curse, O mighty Queen," he said, "and I will let you go. I am old, tonight all my lawful sons are dead, take off your curse, leave me in my Government, and though I desire you more than the throne of Egypt, O Beautiful, still I will let you go."

"Nay," answered the Queen. "I cannot if I would. It is not I who spoke, but a spirit in my mouth. Do your worst, O Son of Set, the curse remains upon you."

Now Abi shook in the fury of his fear, and answered:

"So be it, Star of Amen, having nothing more to dread I will do my worst. Pharaoh my enemy is dead, and you, his daughter, shall be my wife of your own free will, or since no man will lay a finger upon you, here in this tower you shall starve. Death is not yet; I shall have my day, it is sworn to me. Reign with me if you will, or starve if you will—I tell you, Daughter of Amen, that I shall have my day."

"And I tell you, Son of Set, that after the day comes the long terror of that night which knows no morrow."

Then he, too, turned and went.

When he was gone Neter-Tua stood a while looking down upon the thousands of people gathered in the great square where the battle had been fought, who stared up at her in a deadly silence. Then she descended from the coping-stone, and, taking Asti by the arm, led her from the roof to the little chamber where she had slept.

Six days had gone by, and Neter-Tua starved in the pylon tower. Till now the water had held out for there was a good supply of it in jars, but at last it was done, while, as for food, they had eaten nothing except a store of honey which Asti took at night from the bees that hived among the topmost pylon stones. That day the honey was done also, and if it had not been, without water to wash it down, they could have swallowed no more of the sickly stuff. Indeed, although in after years in memory of its help, Neter-Tua chose the bee as her royal symbol, never again could she bring herself to eat of the fruit of its labours.

"Come, Nurse," said Tua, "let us go to the roof, and watch the setting of Ra, perhaps for the last time, since I think that we follow him through the Western Gates."

So they went, supporting each other up the steps, for they grew weak. From this lofty place they saw that save on the Nile side of it which was patrolled by the warships of Abi, all the temple was surrounded by a double ring of soldiers, while beyond the soldiers, on the square where the great fight had been, were gathered thousands of the people who knew that the starving Queen was wont to appear thus upon the pylon at sunset.

At the sight of her, clad in the mail which she still wore, a murmur rose from them like the murmur of the sea, followed by a deep silence since they dared not declare the pity which moved them all. In the midst of this silence, whilst the sun sank behind the Pyramids of the ancient kings, Neter-Tua lifted up her glorious voice and sang the evening hymn to Amen-Ra. As the last notes died away in the still air, again the murmur rose while the darkness gathered about the pylon, hiding her from the gaze of men. Hand in hand as they had come, the two deserted women descended the stair to their sleeping-place.

"They dare not help us, Asti," said Tua, "let us lie down and die."

"Nay, Queen," answered Asti, "let us turn to one that giveth help to the helpless. Do you remember the words spoken by the shining spirit of Ahura the Divine?"

"I remember them, Asti."

"Queen, I have waited long, since the spell she whispered to me may be used once only, but now I am sure that the moment is at hand when that which dwells within you must be called forth to save you."

"Then call it forth, Asti," answered Tua wearily, "if you have the power. If not, oh, let us die. But say, whom would you summon? The glory of Amen or the ghost of Pharaoh, or Ahura, my mother, or one of the guardian gods?"

"None of these," answered Asti, "for I have been bidden otherwise. Lie you down and sleep, my fosterling, for I have much to do in the hours of darkness. When you awake you shall learn all."

"Aye," said Tua, "when I awake, if ever I do awake. Is it in your mind to kill me in my sleep, Asti? Is that your command? Well, if so, I shall not blame you, for then I will break this long fast of mine with Pharaoh and the divine mother, Ahura, who bore me, and together in the pleasant Fields of Peace we will wait for Rames, my lover and your son. Being a queen, they will give me a burial in my father's tomb, and that is all I crave of them, and of this weary world. Sing me to rest, Nurse, as you were wont to do when I was little, and, if it be your will, tarry not long behind me."

So she laid herself down upon the bed, and, taking her hand that had grown so thin, the tall and noble Asti bent over her in the darkness, and began to sing a gentle chant or lullaby.

Tua's eyes closed, her breath came slow and deep. Then Asti the magician ceased her song and, gathering up her secret strength, put out her prayers, prayer after prayer, till at length all her soul was pure, and she dared to utter the awful spell that Ahura had whispered in her ear. At the muttered, holy words wild voices cried through the night, the solid pylon rocked, and in the city the crystal globe into which Kaku and Merytra gazed was suddenly shattered between them, and, white with terror at he knew not what, Abi sprang from his couch.

Then Asti also sank into sleep or swoon, and all was silent in that chamber, silent as the grave.

Neter-Tua awoke. Through the pylon window-place crept the first grey light of dawn. Her eyes searching the gloom fell first upon the dark-robed figure of Asti sleeping in a chair, her head resting upon her hand. Then a brightness drew them to the foot of her bed, and there, clothed in a faint, white light, that seemed as though it were drawn from the stars and the moon, wearing the Double Crown, and arrayed in all the royal robes of Egypt, she saw—herself.

Now Tua knew that she dreamed, and for a long while lay still, for it pleased her, starved and wretched as she was, a prisoner in the hands of her foes, a netted bird, to let her fancy dwell upon this splendid image of what she had been before an evil fate, speaking with the voice of Merytra, Lady of the Footstool, had beguiled dead Pharaoh to Memphis. If things had gone well with her, she should be as that image was to-day, that image which wore her crown and robes of state, yes, and her very jewels. Such were the changes of fortune even in the lives of princes, whose throne seemed to be set upon a rock, princes whom the god of gods had fathered. Never before in her young life had the thing come so home to her, for until now, even through the hunger and the fear, her pride had borne her up. But in this chilly hour that precedes the dawn, the hour when, as they say, men are wont to die, it was otherwise with her. Her end was near—she knew it and understood that between the mightiest monarch in the world and the humblest peasant maid at the last, there is no difference, save perchance a difference of the soul within.

Here she lay, a shadow, who must choose between a miserable end by thirst and hunger, or a loathsome marriage. And what availed it that she was called Morning-Star of Amen, she, the only child of Pharoah and his royal wife, and that when she was dead they would grant her a royal funeral, and inscribe her name among the lists of kings, while Abi, the foul usurper, sat upon her throne. Here on the bed lay what she was, there at the foot of it stood what she should be if the gods had not deserted her. Her poor heart was filled with bitterness like a cup with vinegar, bitterness flowed through her in the place of blood. It seemed hard to die so young, she whom men named a god; to be robbed of her crown, robbed of her vengeance, and taking with her her deep, unfruitful love. Would she and Rames meet beyond the grave, she wondered? Would they wed and bear children there, who should rule as Pharaohs in the Under-World? Would Osiris redeem her mortal flesh, and Amen the Father, receive her; or would she rush down into everlasting blackness where sleep is all in all?

Oh! for one hour of strength and freedom, one short hour while at the head of her armies she rolled down upon rebellious Memphis in her might, and trod its high walls flat, and gave its houses to the flames, and cast its accursed prince to the jaws of crocodiles. Her sunken eyes flashed at the thought of it, and her wasted bosom heaved, and lo! the eyes of that royal queen of her dreams flashed also as though in answer, and on its breast the jewels rose as though pride or anger lifted them.

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VICTORIA LEADING NEW SOUTH WALES.

17 RUNS TO THE GOOD.

The cricket yesterday, the opening day of the return engagement between New South Wales and Victoria, was played under ideal weather and wicket conditions. It was a glorious day, and there had been no rain during the week; yet between noon and 6 o'clock twenty wickets fell for 343. Each side has had one innings, and the visitors have the better of the deal to the extent of 17 runs (180 to 163).

It was a mixture of fine bowling and bad luck, but mostly bad cricket. The bowlers had a day out; everything went for them, and this placed them in good heart; so that they bowled the better for it.

The play was full of incident, and there were no long partnerships, the most prolific being 61 for the Victorians' second wicket. For that reason the cricket, though it did not rise, as far as the batting was concerned, to the keenness and standard of games between these two old rival States, maintained an interest, and was yet disappointing. The adage, "Vain is the net set in sight of the bird," did not apply to some of yesterday's cricketers. They seemed to be out just for a bit.

There is an impression that matches are nowadays too long drawn out. The players in this contest to date have gone to the other extreme, for with one day gone it is half over. Still the wicket was good, though at the northern end it was not difficult to turn the ball.

The feature of the day was the bowling of Saunders and Emery. The former kept a good length, and "worked away" so consistently that he was expected to get a wicket any time. As it was, his bag was six for 78. Emery used his googley ball to some purpose. Matthews and Carkeek fell to this off-break with apparently leg-break action, and both were remarkably fine deliveries. Scott met with success.

The attendance was officially stated at 5300, and the takings £235 6s.

Laver, suffering from a strain, stood out of the Victorian eleven, which was captained by Armstrong, who won the toss from S. E. Gregory, and elected to bat.

Delves and Warne were the pioneer batsmen, and the bowlers were Scott, fairly fast, and Stack, slow. In Scott's second over Warne, before he had scored, was caught by Waddy at second slip, and the first wicket was down for two. Smith lost little time in getting to work, though he was missed by Gorry off Scott when nine. Fourers came from the hard hitter, until the total reached 63; the 50 occupied 43 minutes, and then Smith made a wild swipe in trying to hit Kelleway out of the ground, and was bowled. Ainslie did not last long: he was run out in essaying an impossible second run. Bardsley returned and hit the wicket, and the board showed 3-5-80.

Armstrong was well received by the 3000 people present. Delves had kept his end up very solidly without being brilliant, though he was severe on to the first two overs sent down by Emery, who relieved Stack, hitting 10 off each over, and he got to his half-century in 1h 20m. Armstrong lost his wicket in a peculiar way. Scott sent down a ball on the leg, and the batsman slung the bat at it one hand as though to protect himself. The ball went up behind the wicket a little on the leg side, and Emery running across took the catch. 4-6-97. Delves was 52. Luncheon adjournment then took place.

On resuming Delves was accompanied to the wickets by Scott. The 100 took 91 minutes in stringing together, and then Delves' end had come. He was caught by Gorry, standing back, off Scott, for 57 which included six fours, and had been obtained in 95 minutes. He played a very fine innings, showing considerable promise. The Victorians were batting disappointingly on an excellent wicket, though a good deal of credit was due to the bowlers. At 106 Scott's defence was broken through by Stack, and the sixth man was out for 106.

Kortlang, an old Balmain player, and Kenny increased the total to 132, the runs coming mainly from Kortlang. At this total Kenny (10) had his defence broken down by Emery. Kortlang was keeping up his end in fine style, but wickets fell at the other end, the next to go being Matthews, who was splendidly bowled by Emery for 13.

Carkeek enlivened matters somewhat with some leg bits. Then a man was brought round to square-leg, and one was sent out to long-on. Emery pitched a ball outside the legs, and Carkeek threw all his powers into the stroke, but it was a "googley" delivery, and breaking back hit the off stump. It was as good a ball on a batting wicket as one could wish to see. 9—11—180. Saunders was well received, but he was at once dismissed, being splendidly caught by Gorry at the wicket off Emery, and the innings closed for 180. Kortlang was 34 not out, and the innings lasted 2 hours 48 minutes.

Bardsley and Waddy opened for New South Wales. When 13 had been scored the latter was bowled by Saunders, and seven runs later Simpson, after opening with a cut for four, fell to a good ball from Armstrong. The Victorians started badly, but the home team were doing worse. Kelleway departed for 3 at 31, caught by Barnes, who was fielding at mid-off as substitute for Smith. The latter played a ball hard on to his foot, and could not field. Bardsley was batting soundly, and on being joined by Gregory an improved aspect was placed upon the game from a New South Wales point of view. The half-century appeared after 44 minutes, and at 54 Scott displaced Saunders, whose two wickets had now cost 36. Scott is almost a true round-arm bowler of fast-medium pace, and has but one swing of the arm. Matthews, who mixes medium with leg-break, was tried in place of Armstrong, who had taken one for 19. Gregory was run out when going nicely. He put Matthews away to leg, and reckoned there were only a couple of runs in the stroke, but he found Bardsley coming along half-way down the wicket for the third. To save Bardsley Gregory ran and was out easily. 4-22-65. Gow and Bardsley brought up the hundred in 71 minutes, and runs were now going up at a rapid rate, particularly at Matthews' expense, three overs yielding 27. The left-hander got to his 51 in 1h 16m, and was then beautifully taken left hand by Armstrong in the slips off Saunders, who was now bowling in place of Scott. Bardsley hit five 4's, and had played sterling cricket.

Gow, who opened confidently, operated on the bowling severely. There was nothing at all wanting in his timing, in the power nor variety of stroke, until at 38 he cut a ball from Saunders into Ainslie's hands at point.

When the Victorians were dismissed for 180 one could have got any odds on a substantial New South Wales victory. Now the home stock was lower than the visitors'. Six wickets were down for 131, and without any alteration Minnett was bowled by Armstrong for half a dozen. Both bowlers were doing excellent work. Twice Saunders appealed against Stack for leg before, and in the same over the latter was caught by Mayne, who was now fielding substitute for Smith. Emery was caught by Kenny deep on the off, the bowler being Saunders. The last two men, Scott and Gorry, created some interest amongst the spectators. Scott drove Armstrong square with the wicket to the track, and presently, facing Saunders, he lifted one straight over the sight-board for six—a splendid hit. Gorry was then run out in attempting an impossible run, and the innings closed just on 6 o'clock for 163—a minority of 17. Scores:—

VICTORIA.—First Innings.

T. S. D. Warne, c Waddy, b Scott	0
F. T. Delves, c Gorry, b Scott	57
D. Smith, b Kelleway	32
J. Ainslie, thrown out by Bardsley	5
W. W. Armstrong, c Emery, b Scott	6
W. J. Scott, b Stack	3
B. Kortlang, not out	34
A. Kenny, b Emery	10
J. Matthews, b Emery	13
W. Carkeek, b Emery	11
J. V. Saunders, c Gorry, b Emery	0
Sundries	9
Total	180

Fall of wickets.—1-2, 2-63, 3-80, 4-97, 5-104, 6-106, 7-132, 8-156, 9-180, 10-180.

Bowling.—Scott, 14 overs, 3 maidens, 41 runs, 3 wickets; Stack, 13 overs, 1 maiden, 44 runs, 1 wicket; Kelleway, 13 overs, 1 maiden, 41 runs, 1 wicket; Emery, 13.2 overs, 1 maiden, 45 runs, 4 wickets.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—First Innings.

W. Bardsley, c Armstrong, b Saunders	51
E. L. Waddy, b Saunders	3
C. E. Simpson, b Armstrong	6
C. Kelleway, c sub, b Saunders	3
S. E. Gregory, run out	22
F. Gow, c Ainslie, b Saunders	38
R. V. Minnett, b Armstrong	6
W. J. Stack, c sub., b Saunders	7
S. H. Emery, c Kenny, b Saunders	4
C. Gorry, run out	8
J. Scott, not out	11
Sundries	4
Total	163

Fall of wickets.—1-13, 2-20, 3-31, 4-65, 5-110, 6-131, 7-151, 8-140, 9-148, 10-163.

Bowling.—Saunders, 13.2 overs, 78 runs, 6 wickets; Armstrong, 14 overs, 4 maidens, 34 runs, 2 wickets; Scott, 4 overs, 1 maiden, 20 runs, no wickets; Matthews, 3 overs, 27 runs, no wickets.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ELEANORA LLOYD HALL, late of Manilla, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Executors' Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before FRIDAY, the eighteenth day of February, at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon, and inspect the same, and, if they shall think fit, object thereto; otherwise, if the said Accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me, and passed according to law. Dated this 21st day of January, A.D. 1910. R. C. MONDAY (L.S.), Acting Registrar. JOHN D. KENNEDY, Proctor for the Executors, Manilla. By ABBOTT and ALLEN, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of MICHAEL KILFOIL, late of Narrabri, in the State of New South Wales, Station Overseer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to PATRICK KILFOIL and HANORAH FLEMING, the Executors in the said Will named. All persons having any claims against the said deceased are hereby required to send particulars of the same to the undersigned within such fourteen days and all notices may be served at the same address. MON ARTHUR GEE, Proctor for Applicants, Braidwood. By his Agent, T. MICHELL, 98 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM CHRISTIE, late of Wacco, in the State of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ELIJAH RUEBEN MARKS and ARTHUR AMBROSE MARKS, the Executors named in the Will, and all notices may be served at, and all persons having any claim against the said Estate are required to send particulars thereof to, the office of the undersigned. C. T. CLIFTON, Solicitor, Crookwell. By his Agent, A. J. McDONALD, Solicitor, 68 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of THOMAS MARMONT, late of Bolong River, Goinie, in the State of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to WILLIAM HENRY MAYNARD (in the said Will called William Maynard), the sole Executor named in the said Will, and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned, to whom all claims are to be sent. JOHN CONNELLAN, Proctor for the Executor, Crookwell. By McDONELL and MOFFITT, Mutual Life-buildings, George and Wynyard streets, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ELIZA BEARD, late of Grafton, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JAMES BEARD, the Executor named in the said Will; and all Notices are to be served at the undermentioned address. JAMES BEARD, Southgate-road, Alumny Creek, via Grafton.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND, OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND DISTRICT. No. 341. Under "The Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act, 1908," Between EMMA BEATRICE NEAVE, Petitioner, and CHARLES ROBERT NEAVE, Plumber, Respondent.

To CHARLES ROBERT NEAVE, formerly of Wellington, in the Provincial District of Wellington and Dominion of New Zealand, but now of address unknown.

TAKE NOTICE that EMMA BEATRICE NEAVE, claiming to have been lawfully married to you, has filed her petition against you in the Supreme Court of New Zealand, at Dunedin, praying for a dissolution of marriage on the grounds of desertion; and Take Further Notice that unless you within two months of the date of the last insertion of this advertisement, to wit, on the third day of February, 1910, which shall be in lieu of personal service on you, of a copy of the writ of summons and petition sealed herein, attend at the Registrar's Office at Dunedin and there enter an appearance, and file your defence to the said petition this cause will be heard and determined, your absence notwithstanding. A copy of the said Writ of Summons and Petition will be supplied to you on your applying at the office of this Court at Dunedin aforesaid.

Dated at Dunedin this 18th day of January, 1910. THOS. E. ROBERTS, Deputy Registrar.

Any person who may know the address of the Respondent is requested to forward this advertisement to him.

Mr. FREDERICK WILLIAM PLATTS is Solicitor for the Petitioner, and his address for service is at the office of Messieurs FRASER, WOODHOUSE, and MACASSEY, Crawford-street, Dunedin, New Zealand.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

NOTICE OF RESUMPTION OF LAND UNDER THE "SYDNEY CORPORATION AMENDMENT ACT, 1905," AND THE "SYDNEY CORPORATION AMENDMENT ACT, 1906," BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY, IN THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

Whereas by an Act of Parliament of the said State, No. 39, 1905, intituled the "Sydney Corporation Amendment Act, 1905," as amended by an Act of Parliament of the said State, No. 46, 1906, intituled the "Sydney Corporation Amendment Act, 1906," the Municipal Council of Sydney (hereinafter called the said Council) is empowered, with the approval of the Governor, in pursuance of the provisions in the said Act mentioned, without further or other authority than the said Act, to purchase or resume (inter alia) all lands required for the opening of new public ways, or the widening, enlarging, or extending of public ways within the City of Sydney, and all lands of which those required for such purposes form part, and any land required for carrying out improvements in, or remodelling any portion of, the said City, or for any of the purposes of the "Sydney Corporation Act, 1902" (therein called the Principal Act), or the Municipal Council of Sydney Electric Lighting Act. And whereas part of the land described in the schedule hereto is required by the said Council for the purpose of widening Hay and Dixon streets, public ways within the City of Sydney. And whereas, on the sixteenth day of November, one thousand nine hundred and nine, his Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, approved of the resumption of the lands described in the said Schedule for such last-mentioned purpose, and whereas on the twenty-eighth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and nine, the said Council resolved to resume the land described in the said Schedule for such last mentioned purpose; and whereas on the eleventh day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ten, his Excellency the Administrator of the Government, with the advice of the Executive Council, approved of the said Council causing this notice of the resumption of the land mentioned in the Schedule hereto, together with the description of the said lands in the said Schedule contained, to be published in the New South Wales Government Gazette and four of the Sydney daily newspapers.—Now therefore the said Council, with the approval of his Excellency the Administrator, with the advice of the Executive Council as aforesaid, doth hereby give notice that the land described in the Schedule hereto is hereby resumed by the said Council, under the provisions of the "Sydney Corporation Amendment Act, 1905," and the "Sydney Corporation Amendment Act, 1906," aforesaid, and the said Council doth hereby also give notice that a plan of such land has been deposited with the City Surveyor, at the Town Hall, Sydney, and with the Chief Surveyor, at the Department of Lands, Sydney, which plans are open for public inspection. And the said Council doth hereby also give notice that upon the publication of this notice and the description in the Schedule hereto, the land therein described becomes for the purposes and subject to the provisions of the said Acts, vested in the said Council for an estate in fee simple, in possession freed and discharged from all trusts, obligations, estates, interests, contracts, charges, rates, rights of way, or other easements whatsoever.

In witness whereof the Common Seal of the Municipal Council of Sydney has been hereunto affixed this twentieth day of January, 1910, by me, THOMAS HUGGINS NESBITT, Town Clerk of the City of Sydney aforesaid. (L.S.) ALLEN TAYLOR, Lord Mayor.

T. H. NESBITT, Town Clerk.

THE SCHEDULE.

All that piece or parcel of land, situate, lying, and being in the City of Sydney, parish of Saint Andrew, County of Cumberland, and State of New South Wales, containing an area of about 19 perches, commencing at the intersection of the northern building line of Hay-street with the eastern building line of Dixon-street; and bounded thence on the west by that building line of Dixon-street aforesaid, bearing northerly 54 minutes 5 seconds to the southern boundary of land comprised in certificate of title, registered volume 1917, folio 57; thence on the north by that last-mentioned land bearing easterly 81 minutes 3 seconds to the western boundary of land resumed by the Municipal Council of Sydney by notice of resumption published on the 23rd June, 1909; thence on the east by that land by lines bearing southerly 81 minutes 1 second and 41 minutes 9½ seconds respectively to the building line of Hay-street aforesaid; and thence on the south by that building line bearing westerly 84 minutes 5½ seconds to the point of commencement. The above-described land comprises the whole of the land comprised in primary real property application, No. 2048, registered volume 129, folio 92.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

NOTICE is hereby given that the PARTNERSHIP hitherto carried on by the undersigned under the style of LITCHFIELD BROS. in the Business of Graziers, at Hazeldean, Woodstock, and Springwell, near Cooma, has this day been DISSOLVED by mutual consent.

Dated this twenty-second day of January, 1910.

(Sgd.) ARTHUR J. LITCHFIELD.
(Sgd.) E. H. LITCHFIELD.
(Sgd.) OWEN C. LITCHFIELD.

Witness: (Sgd.) E. S. MAWSON, Solicitor, Cooma.

BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

A daily SUB-BRANCH of this Bank is now open at Kogovra for the transaction of all Banking Business.

J. RUSSELL FRENCH, General Manager.

Bank of New South Wales, Sydney, 24th January, 1910.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

IN THE ASSIGNED ESTATE OF ALBERT FERNANDEZ and ALEXANDER McREAVIE, trading as ALBERT FERNANDEZ, Watchmaker and Jeweller, 48 Park-street, Sydney.

ALL CLAIMS against the above Estate must be rendered to the undersigned on or before FRIDAY, the 4th day of February next, otherwise they will not participate in the benefit of any distribution made before such Claims are admitted.

FREDERICK J. SMITH and JOHNSON, Incorporated Accountants, 7 Moore-street, Accountants for the Trustees. Sydney, 27th January, 1910.

IN THE ASSIGNED ESTATE OF HENRY GEORGE MATTHEWS, of Wattle-street, South Ashfield, Leather Dealer.

All Persons having CLAIMS against this Estate are requested to render particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before WEDNESDAY NEXT, the 2nd proximo, otherwise they will be excluded from participating in the distribution of the Estate.

STARKEY and STARKEY, Chartered Accountants, Sydney, 27th January, 1910. 93 York-street.

BOTTLES.—Notice to the Public. The Sydney Bottle Merchants' Assoc. begs to notify that the PRICE which the collectors will pay for beer and stout bottles, on and after FEB. 1, has been fixed at 6d per dozen.

THE MAKER'S NAME is a guarantee of the quality. ASK FOR "ARNOTT'S" MILK ARROWROOT BISCUITS. We give this advice to all mothers. FOR THEIR CHILDREN'S SAKE.

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POULTRY, DOGS, ETC.

POULTRY-KEEPERS.—I am a Buyer of Poultry of all kinds, highest prices given. SPOT CASH. NO COMMISSION. Carts sent subs. daily. Country consignments wanted. Haines, 241 Glebe-rd. T., 412 Glebe.

FOWLS and Ducks wanted for spot cash. Carts sent daily. Short, 7 Carlisle-st, Leichhardt.

POULTRY bought, spot cash. Letters attended, carts sent daily. T. Law, 347 Sussex-st. Tel., 3832.

COCKERELS, Wht. Leghorn, others for Sale; no dealers. H., Chatswood P.O.

THE SYDNEY MAIL.

PICTURES FROM THE FLOOD-SWEPT AREAS.

Six pages, showing vividly the devastation which the floods left in their wake at Gunnedah, Narrabri, Coonamble, Moree, Mudgee, and other centres.

THE HOME-COMING: An Incident of the NARRABRI FLOODS. Showing a Settler's Return to his House, one side of which has been swept away.

THE DAMAGE AT NARRABRI. With his Majesty's Mails—Debris along the Fences—Over 250 men repairing the lines between Emerald Hill and Boggabri—Railway between Narrabri and Narrabri West—The Housewife's Trials—Conveying Mails on a Trolly over eight miles of Washaway—Cleaning the Furniture—First Train to Sydney.

IN AND AROUND GUNNEDAH. The Flood, looking towards Kelvin—Marquis-street—The Aftermath—The Lower Portion of the Town under Water—Debris in Maitland-street—Shed and part of a House washed up against a Residence on Maitland Flat—View of the town after the flood had receded 12ft.

SCENES OF WIDESPREAD DEVASTATION. A fine Double Page, giving enlargements of the viaduct between Narrabri and Narrabri West—Wrecked Railway Bridge over Narrabri Creek—Boats in Narrabri's main street—Traffic Bridge connecting with Dangar Village—Boats in use at Coonamble—A Gruesome Scene near Gunnedah, showing Dead Sheep piled up against fences—Ruined House at Newtown—Even Broken Hill has had its floods, and these are two very unusual pictures secured for the "Mail" at "The Hill."

ANOTHER BATCH OF FLOOD PICTURES. Boarding-house at Gunnedah, through the hall of which a bullock was swept—Railway Yards at Coonamble—Fencing laid low—Tumble Bridge between Mudgee and Wellington—Convent at Moree surrounded by Water—The Flood Rising in Auburn-street, Moree—Destruction at Newtown, near Narrabri.

INTERSTATE SAILING CARNIVAL. Competitors for Championships—Australian, Nimrod, Donnelly, Crescent, Aileen (N.S.W.), Cygnus (W.A.), and Ariel (Q.).

NEW CHURCH FOR ARNCLIFFE. Laying the Foundation-stone by the Archbishop of Sydney. A Drawing of the Church as it will appear when completed.

SYDNEY'S FAREWELL TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER. Fine Flashlight Photo. of the Citizens' Banquet.

THE TROTTING HORSE, OLD AND NEW. A COMPARISON BY ROTHSCHILD. Dexter, the Greatest American Trotter of his Day—A typical modern Hoppled Pacer in Saddle—Flora Temple, the champion American trotter of the late fifties, in old-fashioned racing waggon—Allen Winter, winner of the 1908 Readville £30,000 Handicap, in modern pneumatic-tired low-set sulky—Rysdyk's Hambletonian, his grandson, Childe Harold, and great grandson Rothschild.

WRECK OF THE EXCURSION STEAMER WAIKARE. A CAPITAL SET OF PICTURES: The Vessel Beached on Staf Island—Passengers and Crew—Leaving for Resolution Island Camp—At the Landing-place—Arrival of the Relief Vessel, H.M.S. Pioneer.

THE FOUNDERS OF AUSTRALIA. An exceedingly interesting picture, showing the positions which it is proposed shall be occupied by Cook's Statue, and that suggested in memory of Banks—On either side of Governor Phillips' statue in the Botanic Gardens.

OUR WONDERFUL WORLD. Recent Discoveries of Prehistoric Pottery in Peru—Historic Arcadiane, built in England in 1843—A successful British Triplane—Portraits of Nobel prize-winners—Madame Selma Lagerlof (Literature), Baron D'Estournelles de Constant (Peace), Dr. Kocher (Medicine).

IN THE CRICKET FIELD. View of the field while Turner was bowling in his benefit match at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Full-length Portraits of Crawford, Fletcher, Whitty, Crouch, S. Hill, Emery, Barstow, Kelleway, Facy, and Stack.

AMONG THE YEARLINGS. "MILROY'S" VISIT TO MERTON AND SANDILLVAN HEIGHTS.

A PERSONAL SERVANT OF NAPOLEON. Portrait of William Johnstone, 104 years of age, who served Napoleon as a boy at St. Helena.

Other pictures include portraits of Mr. Julian Knight as the Millionaire in the "Lion and the Mouse"; Mrs. Sanders, a successful Grafton musician; and Mr. Daniels, a "Mail" and "Herald" scholarship youth, who is Dux of the Hawkesbury Agricultural College.

SPECIAL ARTICLES, ETC. The utilisation of the so-called waste land of the State seems more and more possible and practicable every day. Reference is made to this interesting development in the pastoral columns. The investigations concerning fires on wool ships is the subject of attention. A full explanation is published concerning the second shipment of chilled beef from Brisbane.

"Ranco's" topical notes are newsy and argumentative. An informative comparison is given of the shearers' wages paid in Australia and New Zealand. "Moira" in the farm column discusses the work of agriculture in Canada, and the comparative advantages of the Commonwealth for the primary producers. The same writer debates the soil-grade movement in Queensland in a most interesting way. "Rupestris" makes the rather startling announcement that ripe-rot has appeared in the county of Cumberland peaches, and indicates the line of action for orchardists.

In the turf columns "Milroy's" notes are, as usual, very interesting. In addition to describing various yearlings, he gives a number of flood reminiscences.

On the Library Page will be found reviews of several new books, including "A Colonial Autocracy" and "Nests and Eggs of Australian Birds."

Stories.—"Concerning Queen Summer," by Harriet Stephens; "The Pioneer," by "Owen Sinclayre"; "Iron Crown," by "T.C."

Women's Topics, Fashion Chats, Schemes in Furniture, Social Gossip.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

OUR STATE SYSTEM.

MUNICIPALISM AT WORK.

INTERPRETATION.

The important task of interpreting the local government statutes of this State occupies the attention of the Supreme Court from time to time. The late Chief Justice, Sir Frederick Darley, brought a large knowledge of the evolution of the law and a broad practical acquaintance with the actual facts of municipal life to bear in his consideration of all the leading cases which came up for decision in his time. His successor, Dr. Cullen, has also, as a legislator first and then as a practitioner, had a wide acquaintance with local government law. The new Chief took a leading part in the discussions in the Legislative Council upon the Shires and Local Government Extension Acts, and showed a mastery of both principles and details. In a professional capacity he has had submitted to him some of the weightiest and most troublesome questions which have arisen during the working of the new law. One of the best remembered of these was an opinion sought by the Local Government Association upon the knotty question of the rating of rectories, presbyteries, church schools, etc. It is reassuring to municipal men throughout the State to know that the new Chief Justice may be regarded as an eminent authority on local government law, and in that characteristic follows in the footsteps of his distinguished predecessor.

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RATING.

Following the procedure with regard to estimates, the councils are now striking their rates. The whole of the financial operations of the councils come under the review of the ratepayer at this important period of the municipal year. After the valuations are accepted—either fresh valuations for the year or the old valuations—and estimates furnished to the council by the clerk, and approved (under section 142), the council proceeds to "make" the rate. Estimates must be prepared and published before the making of any rates. Notice must be given before the making of a special, local, or loan rate, showing the amount of the rate, the purpose for which it is to be made, certain particulars in the case of loan rates as to the amount, the rate of interest, the purpose of the loan, and the amount of sinking fund, and in the case of a local rate, the part of the area to which it will apply. All these particulars must be advertised in a paper circulating in the area, and this secures the attention of the ratepayers, and the necessary and salutary publicity. The council proceeds, after the due notice has expired, to "make and levy" the rates, and this is done by passing a resolution and confirming it within a month.

APPEAL ON VALUATION.

After this "making" the valuation and a demand for payment are served upon the person assessed. If he is "aggrieved" at the official valuation of his property, he has the right to appeal within 14 days after notice has been sent to him. The council clerk will furnish the aggrieved one with the proper appeal forms. When appeal notices are received, the council arranges with the nearest Court of Petty Sessions or District Court for the holding of a special Court to hear the appeals against assessments, and when everything is arranged the council is notified of the date and time of the hearing. Notice is given to the appellant, and the particulars of date and time of holding the Court are notified in a paper circulating in the area. When the Court amends or alters the valuation, an amended valuation notice is issued to the person assessed, and this cannot be appealed against. Already many of the councils have arranged their Courts, and have notified the appellants by advertisement and otherwise.

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MUNICIPAL FINANCES.

A question which has cropped up in several areas has been discussed with keenness in Paddington. A proposal to fix the rating at 4½d in the £ on the U.C.V. gave rise to a debate on the whole financial position of the area. There is always a party in every council which is prepared to carry economy to the verge of cheese-paring; and under certain circumstances they may be justified. It is an elementary duty of every municipal representative to see that the ratepayers get good value for their money. But the idea of economy which are entertained by some aldermen is to put off payments as long as possible, to work on credit, and to make themselves out as a species of municipal "Jack Horner," in order that they may appear before the electors, at the due time for their reappearance, as very "good boys" indeed. Fortunately, as the Mayor of Paddington pointed out, councils can no longer pile up debts and make a virtue of overdrafts. The test of good finance is adequate rating—whether the election is coming on next year or not—and the starving or pinching of the services, such as the making and maintaining of roads, is false economy, and leads to heavy losses to the ratepayers. The public have not forgotten the case of the City Corporation, which, in the year before the reform election, reduced the rate to 1s 4d in the £ on the rental value. To do this they starved the roads, and allowed sanitation to fall into desuetude in plague time. The incoming council had to raise the rate to the legal limit, 2s, and the fact that most of those responsible for the false economy lost their seats hardly consoled the citizens for the money which they had to furnish to reconstruct roads which might, with due diligence in repairing, have had years of further usefulness. Paddington council acted wisely in keeping on the safe road of careful finances, and as the Mayor indicated, it will reap a reward in due time.

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VALUE OF CAREFUL AUDITING.

A Victorian expert in the auditing of municipal accounts has been telling his association some of the difficulties which beset an honest auditor in dealing with the municipal accounts of some councils in the southern State. Apparently the strictness of system which prevails in New South Wales and Queensland does not exist in the Victorian statutes, where the present methods employed will remind civic men of the old regime which, happily, has passed away. The critic in this case told of a terrible "to do" which was made when he refused to pass as correct "a Mayor's robe, charged as road metal for the ermine contained therein, and the tar-paving account, which was honoured with the silk used in its construction." While denouncing this and various other matters, the critic declared that, after 15 years' experience, he could say that municipal corruption is unknown in Victoria, which is consoling to know. But if corruption has been kept out in spite of a faulty system, how much better is it to safeguard the interests of the ratepayers by the introduction of a scientific system of audit? This has been done in New South Wales in a most complete way; and it is consoling to know that the criticism which was aimed at our new system has changed to admiring approval, while the British Local Government Department has adopted many of our devices. Mr. Missamble, the critic quoted above, declares that the "duties of an auditor are those of a skilled investigator all the time, and often those of a cross-examining barrister, and on all occasions those of a detective." But if the system is as open as ours, the necessity for this Sherlock Holmes variety of auditor will disappear.

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CONFERENCE ON BUILDING REGULATIONS.

One of the disadvantages of which is known as "divided control" in the civic government of Sydney is shown in the fact that each of the up-to-date councils which dealt with the important matter of building regulations, through want of co-operation, evolved a separate system in each area. In order to remedy this some responsible men interested in the advancement of civic government have called a conference to consider the whole question, with a view to securing uniformity in such regulations throughout the metropolitan area. There are at least 41 municipal councils on that area, and if each has formulated a set of building regulations of its own the result must be chaotic to those who have to deal with buildings in this rapidly-growing city. The Mayor of Ashfield recently called a conference of a few of the councils in the western suburbs to consider matters of common interest in their district. Uniformity of building regulations was the first item on the list. The present movement is aimed to give uniformity, not only in nine or ten areas, but in the whole 41. The movement is another symptom of the necessity for a central council to do civic work of the higher kind in the interests of the whole metropolis.

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OFFICERS' PENSIONS.

The local government officers are seriously considering a provident and superannuation scheme in connection with their association. The citizen and the ratepayer generally will probably regard this movement as an evidence of the business capacity of the officers who do their civic work. If the thing is successfully evolved, it would be a subject for mutual congratulation on the part of the officers and the citizens. Mr. Geo. Christie, one of the most experienced of our local government experts, points out that the scheme should comprise all employees of the councils, such as clerks and assistants, road engineers, sanitary inspectors, water engineers, gas and electric light managers. He claims that the other parties interested in such a project, besides the officers, are the councils and the Government. He proposes that a fund should be started by a contribution from the Government of £25,000, that there should be an entrance fee of £2 10s, that the annual contribution of the officer should be 2½ per cent. on his salary, and that the councils should contribute annually an amount equal to the entrance fees and contributions of their staffs. This would give a fund to begin with of £29,000. Mr. Christie says that on the consummation of a Greater Sydney, and the inclusion of the staffs at present in the City Council and the Water and Sewerage Board, there could be a reconstitution of the fund. The matter is important to the councils; and it would probably require a special Act of Parliament to carry it out.

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TRAVELLING SHOWS.

A matter affecting the interests of shires and municipalities alike is raised by a circular letter issued by Newtown council upon the subject of the licensing of travelling shows. It was pointed out in this column at the time of the introduction of the theatres' regulation legislation that some control ought to be retained over shows and theatres by the councils in the places which are most concerned in the matter. Ostensibly the power is in the hands of the councils, for under section 109 councils may acquire powers for "the regulation and control of theatres, dancing saloons, buildings used for public assemblies, and places of public amusement, or of public resort." Then, again, section 114 gives a council, which has acquired the power referred to above, a right to control "all places of public resort, . . . where people assemble together or pass, whether in buildings or otherwise," but this is in regard to safety. The section goes on to say that the council may license, or refuse to license, according to the ordinances, a building used as a place of public resort. There is a special ordinance, No. 59, dealing with the regulation or prevention of the erection of any structure of calico or canvas, or other inflammable material. The Colonial Secretary's Department ought to co-operate with the councils in regard to these shows, so that each of the latter should be compelled to have their general license stamped in the local Town Hall.

PROGRESS OF THE SCHOOLS.

THE MINISTER QUOTES FIGURES.

Mr. Hogue (Minister for Education), in opening a Public school at Cronulla on Tuesday, quoted some figures illustrative of the growth of the schools since 1880. He said there were some people who were not satisfied. He would like some of those who were always ready to criticise to show him a better system in the world. If they could do this he would willingly accept their advice. The progress of education was greater at present than at any time in the history of New South Wales. At the passing of the Public Instruction Act in 1880, Mr. Hogue continued, there were (including 160 denominational schools) 1255 schools, attended by 101,584 pupils. At the present time there were 3160 schools, with 218,276 pupils. The average attendance at the passing of the Act was 67,912; now it was 160,189. At the close of 1881 (the first full year of departmental control) there were 2558 teachers; now they numbered 5760. Adding to this number 270 teachers who received Government subsidy and 250 probationary students (young people being specially prepared with a view to entering the teaching profession), there were last year no fewer than 6400 persons either engaged in teaching or in preparation for teaching. In 1880, 22 officers comprised the entire inspecting staff. Now 38 were needed to cope with this work. The amount spent on teachers' salaries in 1881 was £308,890; now it exceeded £825,000. The total expenditure on public instruction in 1881 was £474,000, considerably less than half a million; now it was considerably more than a million pounds annually. In 1880 technical education (with the exception of a few classes at the Sydney School of Arts) was practically unknown in this State. Now there were 800 technical classes throughout the State, with an enrolment of 18,500 pupils, taught by 275 teachers. In 1880 State education was limited to primary instruction. Now higher primary and secondary education found a home in five high schools, 24 district schools, and 142 superior public schools, scattered throughout the State. In the upper classes of these schools there were now 10,500 pupils, receiving a higher primary course of instruction. In 1880 scholarships and bursaries for poor children were not in existence; now there was a most liberal scheme, comprising 100 scholarships and 72 bursaries annually. Arrangements were also being made to localise these awards, so as to make it possible for a bright lad to proceed without fees from the smallest country school to the University, or (if his tastes lay in the direction of agriculture) to the Hurlstone Agricultural School, and thence to the Hawkesbury College. Among new features of instruction introduced into our schools since 1880 might be mentioned manual training, which in many forms was now found in most schools; science teaching, including nature study; art work, such as free arm drawing, brushwork, and modelling; agricultural teaching and practical gardening; while for girls, cookery teaching, general housewifery, needlework, dressmaking, nursing, and laundry work were taught; and in the infants' schools the principles of kindergarten permeated the lessons given to the youngest children. Much more might be added, but he had stated sufficient to give an indication of the very great advance made in educational matters in this State since the passing of the Public Instruction Act of 1880.

PARRAMATTA DISTRICT.

GRANVILLE'S RATES.

A special meeting of the Granville Council was held on Monday evening, for the purpose of considering and adopting the estimates of the receipts and expenditure for the year 1910, and deciding upon a rate to meet the requirements. In the report the valuation was written down from £306,000 to £205,833, and on that basis it was estimated that a rate of 4½d in the £ would be required to return a sum of £3474. This suggestion was adopted. It was also proposed to levy a rate of 1½d in the £ on the unimproved value for the payment of interest on loans. After a long discussion an amendment to strike a loan rate of 1d in the £ was carried.

THE AUBURN RATE.

At a meeting of the Auburn Council on Monday evening, the Mayor, Alderman J. T. Lang, moved, and it was carried, that a general rate of 3½d in the £ on the unimproved capital value of all lands ratable be levied for the year 1910.

PARRAMATTA COUNCIL.

The Parramatta Borough Council met on Monday evening, the Mayor (Alderman John Waugh) presiding. The Works Committee reported in favour of carrying a new watermain from Marsden-street to Church-street, —provided the Water and Sewerage Board would permit it—to connect with the 32-inch watermain, in order to obtain a greater pressure. The cost would be about £160. In the report the sewerage question was touched upon, and it was decided to approach the Works Department with a view to the department allowing one of the council's officers to get a satisfactory idea of the working of the plant before it was handed over to the council. It was decided to grant the Mayor an allowance of £50 for the ensuing year.

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THE WEEK IN LONDON.

AN AUSTRALIAN'S NOTES.

(BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Christmas Week.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

At this point of north-western Europe, which is London, we enter upon Christmas week and the winter solstice almost simultaneously. This year the natural law is as unmistakably about us as is the spiritual convention. We entered Christmas week in the grip of icy cold. The near country had already been piled high with snow. In London itself, a succession of low temperatures and hard frosts had rimmed us in. The streets rang like iron under the tread. No drop of vagrant water upon them but was an ice crystal. The east wind was abroad; and the east wind is a fearsome thing. It is not a wind at all, really, in most of its manifestations. Sometimes it is scarcely a breeze. But even when it is the merest fluttering breath of air disturbance, it is the east wind, and no other. Though its volume may vary its intensity diminishes no whit. That is it which gives it its constant and irresistible malignity of attack. But all that was at the beginning of the week. The weather of London has one supreme virtue of consistency. It is unfailingly inconsistent. Chameleon change is its prerogative. Thus on Tuesday frost gave way to fog, and for an hour or two panic fell upon the business heart of the city, for a fog at Christmas spells disaster. In two hours, however, the fog had gone, and the frost and freezing point had returned. That night the thermometer stood at 28 degrees. Next morning it was at 54, and London was perspiring. Then it rained, a dismal, muggy rain, and fierce gales tore through the country, and ships were wrecked in the Channel. How Christmas Day will turn out no one dares to prophesy, though Christmas Day is but a few hours distant. It is also dark here in Christmas week. It seems it must be dark. The fairest day just now is a-murk with mist, and the last suspicion of daylight is gone at an hour respecting which one feels that an apology is due. By 4 o'clock night has fallen, and the city is aflame with artificial light. On some days, when the sun is folded away in thicker mists than usual, our lights are necessary at noon. That is how winter comes here, and with it our Christmas week. This year the Australian is inclined to take it less kindly than ever. He has been the victim of months of more or less gloomy weather. But in the other seasons he had hope to tell its flattering tale. The joy of sunshine would soon return. In the summer time he looked forward to a new week. There was no new next week; it was the old last week back again. But even in that certainty there was still to come the golden pomp of autumn, at its best perhaps the most marvellous revelation of any, the maddest riot of tumultuous colour in all the year. And autumn was desolated by rain. There was no colour. The leaves decayed and fell prematurely, beaten into dank and dripping heaps of shapelessness. The woods of England, the autumn woods, immemorial pavilions of the splendour of the seasons, were unentered; or if penetrated at all, penetrated only for melancholy discovery of dead things, forbidding and forlorn. Now the winter is come, and the Australian must needs greet it less kindly than ever, not only because he hopes nothing of it, but also because his reasonable hopes of other days have been bootless and in vain. The year's accumulation of niggardliness is a load he still feels. Winter is an additional rather than a new burden. So he looks out upon the ice-bound, ringing streets, and the creeping mists within them, and the rain, and finds them not so inviting as the streets of Christmas week might be. He leaves the cosy rooms dedicate, by right of English tradition, to cheerfulness—they do know, these English, how to fight their weather from within—he plunges into the gloom, he throws himself upon the rushing tide of life, he makes heroic effort to incorporate himself with it. But I have met a few specimens of him this week, and I fancy that he is perturbed by visions of quite other scenes and another Christmas week—where there is no east wind, and no mist, and neither frost nor snow; but summer, and blue skies, and sunshine—singing weather, and worth its song. But all that is quite a long way off.

The Londoner's Christmas

It is not to be supposed, however, that the Londoner has these disturbing visions of otherwhere. On the contrary, he is whole-souled in his allegiance to his mother-city. He gibes at her on occasion, but it is only make-believe. In his heart of hearts he loves her. London is enough for him. He knows no other. He is satisfied to know no other. He grumbles at the cold, but then he also grumbles at the heat, and at the fog, and at the rain. He grumbles indiscriminately. But it is fine to see him face his weather. Just now he is facing it abnormally. He is out, all the hosts of him, in keen pursuit of the Christmas amenities. Buttoned and befurred armies throng the thoroughfares. The shops of London, crammed with the merchandise of the world, fling wide arms of allurement. Irresistible by day, by night they add fascination to fascination, with the glamour of a feast of lights, which is almost compensation enough for the lost sunshine. The business done is colossal. Great emporiums are thronged from end to end. The toy fairs, besieged by more custom than they can carry, close their doors, and queues of people line along the pavements. The mammoth stores, in which no demand in reason need go unsatisfied, are engaged hour after hour in desperate effort to compass the one task impossible to them, that of satisfying demands multiplied beyond chance of satisfaction. It is a commonplace that anything may be had in London. At Christmas-time the ransack of the globe which inspires that belief is seen justified. Something of everything seems necessary to the stemming of the flood. You leave crowds in luxurious Bond-street, and other crowds in fastidious St. James's and Piccadilly, and still other crowds in the essentially feminine shop-land of Regent-street and Oxford-street; but in every lane into which you turn as you so leave them, if there are shops at all, they are shops filled by yet more crowds. It is a mighty thing, this rush of the Christmas-week crowds. And when you add to it the appalling aggregate of traffic in the streets, built up even beyond its normal vast by invasion of Christmas week railway waggon and other Christmas-week confusion of impedimenta, it is more than mighty; it approaches the terrific. Londoners are revelling in it. They tread their incredible maze as light of heart as of foot. The rain has hit them hard, for more to be desired than most things is a keen, frosty Christmas. They grumble, as by inalienable right, but they pass on. As compared with the Australian they are favourably placed. The sunshine, and the long roll of the Pacific, and the gleaming beaches, do not exist for them. It is the advantage of limitation.

"A Merry Christmas."

There are other circumstances which give our Christmas week a totally different aspect from yours. For one thing we are in the midst of a political struggle which Christmas week does its best to forget, but only partially succeeds in forgetting. And, as is usual with us, we have brought more prominently forward than at any other time the appalling problems of life in a great city. Appeals for charity crowd the newspapers. Forty hospitals last week urged upon the public their need of funds. Tremendous effort is going on all around us to suggest to the very poor that the Christmas spirit of goodwill is not altogether a mockery. Thousands of pounds are being subscribed that the hungry may be fed and the forlorn children of the slums, whose season it is by right divine, may not be left entirely destitute. These things are as far from your Christmas week as are our other tragedies—the tragedy of a man found dead in the streets, of cold and starvation; or that of another man arrested for selling paper flowers without a hawker's license, whose plea for mercy was that he could get no work at his trade, and his wife and four little children were penniless and starving in a garret; or that of a third man who paid his due obligation of rent a day or two ago and forthwith died of hunger and cold, and was then discovered to have no clothes whatever save the outer garments which gave him sufficient semblance of respectability to ensure his precarious employment. Our Christmas week, too, has been clouded by the tragedy of a great fire, the awful results of which seem pathetically out of proportion to the cause, for by the falling of a parasol in a shop window a great business establishment was suddenly and swiftly ravaged, £300,000 worth of damage was done, 500 people were thrown out of employment, and at least eight were killed. These problems and these tragedies give us pause in the midst of our Christmas festival. It is of the essence of that festival, however, that remembering them we yet have enough joviality and happiness for a wide compass round. Thousands of hospital wards and slum tenements are the brighter this week because of Christmas. Tens of thousands of the children you know not of come upon the pageant of a dream which may be insubstantial, but is at least beautiful. The green mistletoe and the cheerful red of the holly berry, and the echo of Christmas carols, are abroad in many a mean street. The crowded thoroughfares of the happy West End have their counterpart in other crowded, happy streets 'way down East. In a far wider than its specifically political sense the genial "Punch" cartoon of this week sings its message. "Punch" decorates the London hoardings, now placarded with fighting political posters, with a new, obliterating sign: "A Merry Christmas." With you, as with us, that ancient legend may be trusted once again to blot out for a time the buffetings that have been.

POSTMEN'S PICNIC.

THE CASE FOR THE "GROWLERS."

HOLIDAYS AND TICKETS.

The annual picnic of the New South Wales Letter-carriers, Maildrivers, and Assistants' Association was held at Mortlake yesterday. Sports, dancing, and other amusements were engaged in during the greater part of the day. In the afternoon short addresses were delivered by various officials.

Mr. D. J. Ryan, president of the association, said it was about ten years since the picnics were inaugurated, and each one had proved better than its predecessor. He could see that there was no decrease in the birth-rate as far as letter-carriers were concerned. They had to buy an increased number of toys for this picnic. In other ways the best traditions of the association had been maintained during the year, and the lot of letter-carriers and other postal officials had improved. But they found that when they won, the tacticians at the head of affairs took action which necessitated the exercise of tactics on their part. The Commissioner had been trying to get over one difficulty by the institution of examinations which would bring letter-carriers and postal assistants into the service at a rate of £50 a year. The lowest rate of pay sanctioned by the wages boards of the State was 7s a day, and it therefore seemed a scandal for a great Commonwealth department to invite candidates to start their career in an important branch of the service at a rate £40 a year less than the minimum wage here. There was an even greater scandal in the fact that mailboys and other minor officials were ineligible to sit for the examinations. The Commissioner also said, "You men who are always growling are not able to pass the examinations." He could give the names of dozens of men who had passed, but who would never be promoted. There were some on that platform. With a strong association they could alter these things, but unless the majority joined it they were powerless. He advised all to put their shoulders to the wheel to help to strengthen the association. Every man would have been working that day on the English mail but for the fact of the picnic, but a number who had succeeded in getting the day to attend the picnic did not attend it, and not half had bought tickets. Next year he hoped that before men were granted the holiday they should show that they had bought tickets.

Mr. F. W. Hulme, president of the Professional and Clerical Association, regretted that more of the senior officers were not present to show a kindly interest in the association. As far as his association was concerned, they felt that the higher and lower grades of the service were indissolubly connected. If the lower grades were kept down the rest of the service would suffer. The various associations in the service worked generally for the benefit of the service and the public, but sustained a good many kicks from their own members and others in doing so.

Mr. H. H. Burgess, representing the construction branch of the Telegraph and Telephone departments, said that even while the Postal Commission was sitting during last year the service was suffering. The outcome of the Commission's report, if it saw the light, would be that the necessity for changes in the service would be indicated. But the report would only see the light if it came before a sympathetic Parliament of Australia, which would take it to heart. He believed the report would be such as to warrant the next Parliament, provided it was a sympathetic one, in reorganising the service and improving the conditions under which the staff worked. The letter-carriers were a large body, and the benefits won for them by the few hard-workers were participated in by those who did nothing for themselves. It was their bounden duty as an association to see that those who did the work and paid for it should reap the benefits alone.

The principal handicap in the sports programme resulted as follows:—G. Hammond, 10yds, 1; J. F. Turner, 5yds, 2; M. Maund, 6yds, 3.

POSTAL ADMINISTRATION.

At a recent meeting of the council of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce, the question of postal and telegraph administration came up for discussion. A number of complaints from members had been received, applying to the postal, telephone, and telegraph departments. These were eventually condensed into nine paragraphs, and a letter covering these has been sent to the Postmaster-General as follow:—

Sir,—The council of this Chamber receives from time to time complaints from members regarding the working of the postal, telephone, and telegraph departments. Many of these complaints are small in themselves; but in the aggregate they become serious; and the council has instructed me to inform you of the facts, so that you may be aware that the department is failing to give satisfaction to the mercantile community.

1. Members point out that delay in delivery of letters in Sydney is much more common than it was some years ago; and, particularly that English and New Zealand mails are not made available as promptly as they ought to be.

2. That the accommodation provided for sorters appears to be insufficient, and that extra men put on at "rush" times are consequently in one another's way.

3. That the accommodation provided for the public inquiring for letters at the G.P.O. is absurdly small, in view of the fact that box-holders have to go to the same compartment to obtain their newspapers and packets.

4. That letters from Sydney to the country are so frequently late in reaching their destination, that there seems reason to fear that delay occurs in despatch of mails from the Sydney end.

5. That there is great difficulty in getting connected by telephone from the city with suburban exchanges; and that when connected a conversation is too often interrupted by an unwarranted "cut off," which necessitates all the trouble of getting on again through the central exchange. On some lines there appears to be a constant buzzing sound, which tends to make the transmission of the voice more or less indistinct.

6. That when a subscriber is switched on from "Central" to "City," or vice versa, the communication is indistinct, difficult to be heard, and unsatisfactory.

7. That the long-distance telephones Sydney to Goulburn, the mountain line, and Sydney to South Coast, are so unsatisfactory as to be practically useless for business purposes.

8. That there should be more expedition in the delivery of ordinary telegrams. These are so frequently delayed that some business firms assert they are obliged to transmit all their most important telegram business by means of "Urgent" messages, in order to get prompt despatch.

9. With regard to telegrams, it has been suggested that the system of "deferred telegrams" which has been found to work well elsewhere might be adopted. Under this system a person is enabled to lodge a message during the day for despatch at a reduced rate; such message being transmitted any time convenient to the department, but is only delivered at its destination with the next morning's letters.

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"I COULD NOT GET ABOUT TO DO MY WORK."

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TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS, 1909.

FINAL PASS LIST.

The balance of the results of the annual examinations of the Technical Education Branch of the Department of Public Instruction, held in December last, are published hereunder. They include the winner of the medal awarded by the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, for the best honours pass in fourth year plumbing. The W. E. Kemp Memorial Scholarship will not be awarded this year, as the candidates failed to reach the standard required.

The first pass list appeared on January 15.

In the subjoined results the honours' passes only are shown in order of merit:—

SYDNEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE.—Boilermaking.—First year: Honours—William H. Smith. First grade: Glen Leslie, Arthur C. Matthews, Percy R. Nixon, Arthur M'Pherson. Photography.—Honours: Albert N. Friend. First grade: Archibald G. Hendy. Physics.—Public School Teachers' Course: Second grade—William C. Morris, Harold J. Hall, Arthur M'Guinness. Pass in mechanics, sound and light (only): Samuel M. Lewis. Surveying.—Second grade: George S. Cook. Tailors' Cutting.—First year: Honours—Robert Y. Frew, John J. Sexton, Roy Smith, Ferdinand W. Kaltenbach. First grade: Edward T. Cavanagh, Norman Johan, Douglas Maloney, Frederick A. Daily, Raymond T. Rolls, Leslie D. Sim, Thomas Knight, Arthur H. Coonsey, Albert J. Whiteman. Second grade: William A. Long, William H. Atkinson, Clarence A. Whitehurst, Eber Goldberg, Edward J. Street, William Watts, Francis W. Smythe, Charles M. Clare, Arthur H. Stocks, Leslie Stocks. Second year: Honours—Reginald Lloyd, Arthur Richard, George H. Lewis, Wilfred G. Gates, aeq., Ross Callaghan, William Dawson. First grade: Walter S. Fryers, George R. Gunn. Plumbing.—First year: Honours—Alfred Phelps, Charles A. M'Callum, Ernest P. Stubbs, Herbert A. Wimpeaz, Alfred J. Walters, Frederick J. Hahn. First grade—Albert E. Malin, Norman C. Wardrop, William E. Chester, George W. Payne, William N. Bean, William Ruby, Charles G. Street, David C. Baker, William Leithead, Frank E. Black, George Bain, Sidney G. Bowden, Charles L. Lockyer, Henry McB. Robertson, Eric Thomas, John Farrell, David Lowe, George Perry, William Hammond, James Staniland, Edward Stone. Second grade—Alfred E. Berriman, Robert H. Patterson, Arthur Berg, William Bale, Albert V. Lloyd, Percy Smith, William J. Nicholson, James P. Ozard, John F. M'Namara, Percival Odell. Second year: Honours—Frank Palazzi, Augustus Gay. First grade: Frank T. Reed, Alexander Barden, John C. M'Intosh, G. Alexander Thomson, Archibald B. Brown, Arthur Wilkinson, Frederick Danford, Percy H. Anderson, Reginald Turner, Roy Lopez, Arthur R. Copp. Second grade—Edward J. Tooth, William A. Stephenson, Harry Miles, Walter S. Brown, John J. Scully, Thomas Ferrier, Henry W. Venese, Hector N. Cross, Albert C. Pollock, Albert H. Haine, Frederick S. Vale, John Bell, Benjamin Israel. Third year: Honours—William C. Gailey. First grade—Ivo B. Nicolson, Alfred F. Lawson, Harold F. Petersen, William L. Simien, Samuel Cover, Norman Frankish, Thomas R. Cole, Henry G. Ernest, Aubrey J. Parsons, Denis M. Ellison, Herbert J. Searle, Ralph Williams, George Feldwick. Second grade—Oswald M. Sky, Walter F. Goss, Frederic Wirth, Sidney J. Taylor, Charles Meder, John Spencer, William A. Bennett, William O'Kane, William Mellor. Fourth year: Honours—Cyril A. Hall (medal), Reginald E. Brown, Arthur J. Foster, William O. Vowell, James G. Boyle, William A. Turner, James D. Logan, Hamilton Whitford. First grade—Arthur R. Thwaite, George A. Holloway, Henry D. Trinder, Archie R. McVicar, Ernest Marsh, Charles H. Lloyd, Haughton Underwood, Howell Barrett, George F. Marsh, Charles R. Allum, Reginald J. Bowie, John T. Purnell, Robert G. Austin, Walter R. Blundell, Robert G. Austin, Sydney R. Grant, Alfred O. Binns, Oliver Pick. Second grade—Alfred Westreat, William J. Jenkins, Augustus F. Young, Sidney R. Puffett, Robert T. Burrow, Leslie J. Mensley, Stanley J. Spencer.

ALBURY.—Wood-carving.—Second year: Second grade—Helen L. Atkins.

ARMIDALE.—Antique Drawing—First year: First grade—Henry Todd, Elsie Allen. Black and White—First year: Second grade—Mabel Panton. Carpentry—First year: Second grade—Clarence J. Veale, David Donoghue, Owen M'Dermott, Clifford Fenton, Claude Lemon, Cecil Trudgeon, Lennier Panton, Percy N. Veale, William Mason, Arthur Harnell, Rowland Robinson. Cookery (plain).—First grade—Nina Mann, Elinor White. Second grade: Elsie Cooney. Flower-painting.—First year—Second grade: Elsie Allen, Nellie Clifford, Stella M'Alpine. Freehand Drawing.—First year—First grade: Marjorie Lewis, Henry Todd. Second grade: Pearl M'Laren, Laura Moffatt, Vera Burton, Irene Vance, Jack Herbert, Althea Gentle, Leena Siddins, Lizzie Donoghue, John Crawford, Marion Scott, Maggie Kidd, Alice H. Chard, Kittie B. Jaques, Sadie Clifford. Second year: Honours: Henry Todd. First grade: Harold Dewhurst, Jack Herbert. Second grade: Althea Gentle. Third year: Second grade: Mabel Panton. Model Drawing.—First year—Second grade: Clarence Dewhurst, Mabel Panton. Second year—Second grade: Mabel Panton. Perspective (direct method)—First year—Honours: George Bruce. Still-life Painting.—First year—Second grade: Stella M'Alpine, Vera Panton, Nellie Clifford. Second year: Second grade: Elsie Allen. Woodcarving (relief).—First year—Honours: Lucy J. Mallam.

ASHFIELD.—Architectural Drawing.—First year: Second grade: Henry Alderson. Bookkeeping.—Second grade: Arthur C. Johnstone, Harold L. Dunstan. Dressmaking.—First year: First grade: Marian Lennie. Freehand Drawing.—First year—First grade: Arthur L. Turnidge. Penmanship.—First grade: Jack Tuckerman, Ernest Fraser.

BALMAIN.—Antique Drawing.—First year—Second grade: Francis S. Davis. Bookkeeping: First grade: Forbes T. G. Smith. Dressmaking.—First year—First grade: Fanny M. Baxter, Lucy Cavanagh. Freehand Drawing.—First year—Honours: Robert Wildsall. First grade: Charles C. Evans. Second grade: Charles Jenkins, Jack W. Turner, Roland E. Wood, Roger Ward. Second year—First grade: George Connolly. Third year—First grade: Colin L. Fairweather. Geometry, Plane and Solid.—First year—Second grade: David E. O'Donell, John Percival, Raymond Northrop. Second year—Honours: Walter Gilkinson, John Y. Mackinnon. Mechanical Drawing.—First year—Second grade: Charles F. Thom, David Bates, Robert Easton, Sidney Thomson, Alexander Sangster, William F. Cox, James T. Prentice, Norman R. Rowntree, Cecil Hill, Roderick Sinclair, Lawrence J. Lloyd, Richard Megrath, William Grant. Second year—Second grade: John Y. Mackinnon, Charles F. Thom. Model Drawing.—First year—Second grade: Rita Armstrong, Charles Jenkins. Perspective (direct method). First year—First grade: Walter Gilkinson. Second year—Honours: John Y. Mackinnon.

BATHURST.—Dressmaking—Second year: First grade: Edith Nancarrow. Shorthand (corresponding).—First grade: Percy Taylor, Leila C. Davison. (Speed, 60 words per minute): Honours Marion A. M. Gibson. Plumbing.—First year—First grade: Ernest Clark, Wallace A. Wiburd. Second grade: Graham Shanks, Walter Murphy. Second year—First grade: John C. Bell. Third year—First grade: Claude Upfold. Fourth year—First grade: Arthur Smith. Second grade: Eric C. Greening.

BEGA.—Model Drawing.—First year—Second grade: Edward Cochrane, Jack M'Phee, Emily Poett. Still Life.—First year—Second grade: Emily Poett, Sophie Goetz, Josephine Curran.

BLAYNEY.—Agriculture.—First year—Second grade: Julian R. Gardiner. Wood-carving (Relief).—First year—Lesia J. Chambers. Second year: First grade—Alice Elliott. Second grade: Elizabeth Oliver.

BROKEN HILL.—Mine Surveying.—First year—First grade: John H. Haycraft. Second year—First grade: John H. Haycraft, John A. Hulme. Second grade: Percival R. Fray. Third year—Honours: John H. Haycraft. First grade: John A. Hulme.

CHATSWOOD.—Freehand Drawing.—First year—Second grade: Annie Larsen, Laura Stark. Model Drawing.—First year—Second grade: Linda Ivey, Annie Layson.

COBAR.—Algebra.—First year—Honours: Frank Kinkead. Second grade: Cyril Wood, Irene Hill. Second year—Second grade: Elizabeth T. Carmody. Arithmetic.—First year—Second grade: Irene Hill, Stanley Baker, Frank Kinkead. Second year—Second grade: Edith Hill. Assaying.—First year—First grade: Thomas Lean, Michael Sullivan. Second grade: Julius F. Grant. Chemistry (Inorganic), Theoretical.—First year—Second grade: Christopher Askew. Freehand Drawing.—First year—Second grade: Vera Price, Nean Bannister. Second year—First grade: Phyllis Peacock. Geometry.—First year—First grade: Frank Kinkead. Second grade: Ivy Moody. Mechanical Drawing.—First year—Second grade: Cyril Wood. Second year—First grade: Keith R. Macpherson. Model Drawing.—First year—Second grade: Edith Hill, Robert C. Jackson.

COOMA.—Millinery.—Second grade: May Birch.

COOTAMUNDRA.—Dressmaking.—First year—First grade: Ada M. Williams, Millie C. Bromley, Anne E. Moore.

CROOKWELL.—Millinery.—Second grade: Elsie M. Rossey.

DUBBO.—Physiology, Elementary.—First grade: May Cunningham, Isabel M'Kenzie, Maggie M'Lachlan, Roy Sillar, Frank Wilkins. Second grade: Aubrey A. Britton, Celia M. Byrne, Edna Grubb, Winifred Kennard, Norman Lovett, Mirrie Palman.

EASTERN SUBURBS (including Double Bay and Darling Point, Paddington, Waverley, and Woollahra).—Antique Drawing.—First Year—First grade: James Beirne. Second grade: William E. Gant, Louis J. Zambra, Mary Couran, Dorothy Beedham. Black and White Drawing.—Second Year—Honours: Marie Beedham. Chemistry, Elementary.—First grade: Arthur Calder, Charles Chalmers, Victor W. Fluke, Walter M'Intosh. Second grade: James Williamson, Roy H. Stewart. Design.—First Year—Second grade: Mary Couran. Dressmaking.—First Year—First grade: Alexina E. Wyness, Maggie M. M'Donald. Second grade: Emily Bradley, Margaret Crabb. Freehand Drawing.—First Year—Honours: Mary Couran, James Beirne. First grade: Percy L. Purry, Reginald Bowman, Mary Collins, Myrtle Bromley, Marie Gerner, Jessie M. M'Keown. Second grade: Leon List, Sylvester Cuddy, Constance M. Pugh, Stanley Eaton, Essie Hurley, Norbert Whelan, Kathleen Leverich, Louis J. Zambra, Sarah E. Lovery, James George, Gordon S. Davidson, James M'Clenahan, Rita Fletcher, Roy Batemp, Joseph Lloyd, William Bewicke, Dora Barker, Violet Richardson, Clementina D. Brendemuhl, Eric W. Satchell, Ethel Cook. Second Year—Honours: Mary Couran, Frank J. Kirby, Hope Stafford, Birdie Mahoney, aeq. First grade: Olga E. Johnston. Second grade: John Hayes, Melba Chalmers, Patrick Ryan, Mervyn Richardson, Frank Patterson, Dora Barker, Archibald N. Richardson, Elley L. Hamilton, Garnet A. Ross, Frances E. Chester. Third Year—Second grade: Dorothy Beedham. Geometry, Plane and Solid.—First Year—Honours: Dorothy Beedham, Mary Couran. First grade: Charles C. Vivian. Model Drawing.—First Year—Honours: Mary Couran, James Beirne. First grade: Frank J. Kirby, Elley Hamilton, Reginald Bowman. Second grade: William Bewicke, John Hayes, Mervyn Richardson, Frances E. Chester, Florence L. Berretson, Louis J. Zambra, Dora V. Barker, Archibald Richardson, Patrick Ryan, Frank Patterson, Melba Chalmers, Roy Bateup. Model Drawing.—Second Year—Honours: Mary Couran. First grade: Birdie Mahoney. Second grade: Olga Johnson, Francis E. Chester. Perspective (ordinary).—Honours: Mary Couran. Second grade: Dorothy Beedham. Perspective (direct method).—First Year—First grade: Charles C. Vivian. Physics, Elementary.—First grade: Arthur Calder. Second grade: Charles O. Chalmers, Victor W. Fluke, Walter M'Intosh, Philip J. Robinson, James Williamson, Philip Soper. Plant Drawing.—First Year—First grade: Mary Couran. Second grade: Olga L. Johnson, Frances E. Chester, Clementina D. Brendemuhl. Second year—Second grade: Mary Couran. Shorthand (Elementary).—First grade: Arthur J. Carroll, Frank O. Clement, Fannie Dobbie (speed 60 words per minute). First grade: Leslie C. Parkhill. Second grade: Ella Bamfield. (80 words per minute). Second grade: Nellie Durkan.

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FORBES.—Freehand Drawing.—First year:—Second grade: Mabel Hasemer. Second year:—Second grade: Olive M. Bates, Ethel Brown, Edith Black, Raymond A. Allen.

GLEN INNES.—Flower Painting.—First year—Second grade: Flora Hutchinson, Madeline Lancaster. Freehand Drawing.—First year:—First grade: Flora Hutchinson. Second grade: Elsie Whyte, Zoe L. Morgan, Doris E. Smith, Aggie Hewetson. Perspective (Direct Method).—First year:—Second grade: Robert V. Dains. Still Life Painting.—First year:—Second grade: Flora Hutchison, Madeline Lancaster.

GOSFORD.—Freehand Drawing.—First year:—Second grade: Doreen Foster. Model Drawing.—First year—Second grade: Doreen Foster, Lillian R. Sterland.

GOULBURN.—Plumbing.—First year:—Second grade: George Cameron, Joseph Abbott, Percy King. Second year:—Second grade: Frederick R. Young, Fred. Hewitt, Rupert Cashman, Roy M. M'Callum, Leslie Bugg. Third year: Honours: Samuel H. M'Naught. First grade: Herbert A. Orton.

GRANVILLE.—Boiler-making. Theoretical.—Second year:—Second grade: Charles Harrison. Plumbing.—First year:—Honours: William J. Irwin, Richard C. Rowley. First grade: Arthur Hudson. Second grade: James M'Williams, Robert C. Irvin, Anthony Ross. Second year:—First grade: Thomas G. Griffin, George Bailey. Second grade: Harold Noller, Albert Williams. Third year:—Honours: Jack Watson. Fourth year:—First grade: Philip Watkins, William A. Brown.

HARDEN.—Millinery.—Second grade: Dulcie Liddon.

HILLGROVE.—Bookkeeping.—First grade: William M. Morgan. Second grade: Edith G. Baker, Russell A. M'Namara, Olive A. Row, Morrish P. Tonkin, Coolery, Plain.—Second grade: Martha M. Allingham.

HORNSBY.—Freehand Drawing. Third year:—Second grade: Catherine Collingridge.

ILLAWARRA DISTRICT (including Balgownie, Berry, Corrimal, Dapto, Helensburgh, Kiama, Nowra, Thirroul, Wollongong, and Woonona). Arithmetic.—First year:—Second grade: Charles Knowles. Second year:—Second grade: Vincent Parkinson, Bernard B. Blomfield, Bede G. Osborne. Coal Mining.—First year:—Second grade: Edward E. Moorhouse, William Hayman. Second year:—Second grade: Benjamin H. Westwood, Leonard Barton. Third year:—Pass: George M. Hindmarsh, John S. Scobie. Dressmaking.—First year—First grade: Dorothy Willard, Catherine M'Lean, Elsie Bell, Ada M. Watts, Nellie Walton. Second grade: Nellie Schubert, Mary Quinn, Ethel Dreleagh, Elsie M. Chapman, Esther M. Murphy, Amy Dennise, Mary M'Lachlan, Alice Cliff Ivy Clue. Second year:—First grade: Rosalie N. Roberts, Pearlie Berne, Isabel Lindsay. Second grade: Ivy H. Tomkins, Olive M. Money, Alice Cromack, Emily Lockett. Freehand Drawing.—First year:—Second grade: Janet M. Edwards. Mechanical Drawing.—First year:—Second grade: Albert K. Rallings, Benjamin Troman. Mine Surveying.—Third year—Pass: David Munro, George M. Hindmarsh. Model Drawing.—Second year: Second grade: Henry Lowe.

KATOOMBA.—Dressmaking.—First year:—Second grade: Elvine Hall, Bessie Lamont.

KOGARAH.—Dressmaking.—First year:—First grade: Ruby R. Dixon, Elsie Lunn, Ethel Green, Nellie Pantlin. Second grade: Cecile Bruce. Second year:—Honours: Lucy Gregory. Second grade: Ellie Turner. Model Drawing.—First year:—Second grade: Florence E. Norris, Barbara Graham.

LITHGOW.—Algebra.—Second year—Second grade: Violet Hart. Arithmetic.—First year—Second grade: Annie C. Liddle, Clifford Palfreyman. Chemistry (Inorganic), Practical.—First year—Honours: Jean K. Serley, Sydney Coleman. First grade: Hugh E. Kirkland, Bert C. Robinson. Second grade: Charles H. Fick, Sydney Hoskins. Second year First grade: Arthur F. Newey. Third year—First grade: Robert J. Born. Second grade: Arthur F. Newey. Fourth year—Second grade: John Culey. Chemistry (Inorganic), Theoretical.—First year—Second grade: Arthur S. Hoskins, Hugh E. Kirkland. Coal-mining.—First year—Second grade: Alexander Lovi, James W. Walker. Dressmaking.—First year—Second grade: Mabel C. Small. Mechanical Drawing.—First year—Second grade: Bertram V. Lear. Millinery.—Second grade: Annie Camp. Shorthand (Elementary).—First grade: Cecil H. Hoskins. Second grade: Lilian A. Wilcock. Corresponding.—First grade: Aubrey Owen, Olive V. Sadler, Aggie H. Burrow. Second grade: William P. Evans. Speed, 80 words per minute.—Honours: Ambrose C. Tournay.

LEURA.—Carpentry.—First year—First grade: Horace C. Fishburn, Arthur Borrill. Second grade: Reginald J. Plummer. Second year—First grade: Tracy C. Whalan.

MANLY.—Freehand Drawing.—First year—Second grade: Emily M. Williams, Gustaf Landergreen, David Riddington.

MILTON.—Dressmaking.—First year—Honours: Hannah L. Smart. First grade: Edith E. Hutson, Ellen Curtis. Second grade: Eunice A. Bishop.

MOLONG.—Freehand Drawing.—Second year—First grade: Freda Carmody. Second grade: Doris S. Archer. Model Drawing.—First year—First grade: Coralie G. Archer. Second grade: Eileen Finch, Freda Carmody, Muriel Barber, Genevieve Lane, Lilla Murray, Doris S. Archer.

NEWCASTLE.—Plumbing.—First year—Honours: Walter Woolston, John Chalmers. First grade: Charles E. Bogwell, Henry W. Davies. Second grade: Oscar Newton, Frederick Gallicans, Walter V. Morgan, David Paterson, George D. Emerson, James H. Carter, George T. Petry. Second year—First grade: Andrew Peebles. Second grade: Orlando R. Butterworth, Charles Mills, Thomas W. Thompson. Third year—First grade: Clarence Anderson, Charles Harvey, James G. Aspinall, William Reeves. Second grade: Walter W. Hanna, Cecil R. Pearson. Fourth year—First grade: John Spensby, Philip Peebles. Second grade: James B. Cameron. Carpentry.—First year—First grade: Robert J. Elliott.

NEWTOWN.—Black and White.—First year—Second grade: Charles Swancott. Freehand Drawing.—First year—Second grade: Robert H. Jenner. Third year—Second grade: Corrie Earle, George Jackson. Geometry, Plane and Solid.—First year Second grade: John Beltean, Emil H. Zeck. Second year—Second grade: Frederick Hutchins, Thomas Kemsley. Model Drawing.—First year First grade: Arthur Prach. Second grade: Charles Swancott. Second year—First grade: William H. Willington. Second grade: Corrie Earl, George Jackson, Grace Button. Perspective (Ordinary).—First year—Honours: Emil H. Zeck. Plant-drawing.—Second year—Second grade: Nella M'Kay.

NORTH COAST DISTRICT (including Brushgrove, Grafton, Greenhills, Harwood, Kempsey, Lawrence, and Maclean).—Dressmaking.—First year—Honours: Olive B. Mackay. First grade: Pearl M. Rowley, Hanora A. Clarke, Dorothy Neeman, Minnie S. Philip. Second year—Honours: Annie Gregor. First grade: Isabel Cameron, Clara M'Millan, Margaret M'Phee. Second grade: Dorothy Noonan, Mary E. Austin, Lena Napper, Janet G. Ellem. Millinery.—Second grade: Minnie Wingfield, Florence J. M'Seveny.

NORTH SYDNEY.—Antique Drawing.—First year—First grade: Ethel W. Chapman. Second grade: Phyllis F. Clarke. Architectural Drawing.—First year—Second grade: Roy O. Middleton. Black and White Drawing.—Second year—First grade: Ethel A. King, Phyllis F. Clarke. Bookkeeping.—First grade: Arthur W. Nearling. Second grade: Leurelot Boyden. Building Construction.—First year—First grade: Oscar V. Fogelin, George B. Thompson, Roy O. Middleton. Second grade: Roy H. Denning, Vere Thompson. Construction Drawing.—First year: Second grade: George B. Thompson, Vere F. Thompson, Clive A. Backhouse, Roy H. Denning. Design.—First year—First grade: Phyllis F. Clarke. Second year—Second grade: Helena D. Albers. Freehand Drawing.—First year—First grade: Frederick Tame. Second grade: Grace Roberts, Charles Moir, Dorothy Malton, William W. Golde, Amy Carruthers, Henry P. Trickett. Second year—Second grade: Helena D. Albers, Agnes M. Cooper, Dora C. Jarrett. Third year—First grade: George A. Brown, Ethel A. King. Second grade: H. D. Albers, E. W. Chapman. Landscape Painting.—First year—Second grade: D. Kennedy. Second year—First grade: Frank E. Brown. Second grade: Ethel A. King. Mechanical Drawing.—First year Second grade: Reginald J. Scott. Model Drawing.—First year—First grade: George A. Brown. Second grade: Amy Carruthers, Henry P. Trickett, Frederick Tame, Helena D. Albers, Dorothy Malton, Elizabeth I. Shand. Second year: Honours: Ethel A. King. First grade: George A. Brown, Agnes Cooper, Dora C. Jarrett. Plant Drawing.—First year—Honours: Ethel A. King, Phyllis F. Clarke, George A. Brown. Second year—Honours: Ethel A. King, Phyllis F. Clarke. First grade: Helena D. Albers, George A. Brown. Shorthand (Elementary).—Honours: Katie G. Yelland. Second grade: Vernie G. Crandall. Corresponding.—Honours: Albert Gilchrist. First grade: Arthur A. Mackenzie. Second grade: Eustace Dunshea. Still Life Painting.—First year—Second grade: Dora C. Jarrett, Ethel A. King.

PETERSHAM.—Antique Drawing.—First year—Second grade: Harry McFarlane. Bookkeeping—First grade: Lily J. Auble, Harold Vassie, Vera E. Gramlund, Mabel Fox, William J. Rees, John A. Lyons. Second grade: Arthur H. Shirvin, William S. Richards. Architectural Drawing.—First year—Second grade: Frederick O. Stone, Alfred J. Osborne. Third year—Second grade: Samuel Montgomery. Construction Drawing.—First year—First grade: Eric C. Bretnall. Second year—Second grade: Leslie W. Clarke. Third year—First grade: Samuel Montgomery. Freehand Drawing.—First year—Second grade: Frederick W. Stone. Geometry, Plane and Solid.—First year—Honours: Frederick W. Stone. Second grade: Eric C. Bretnall. Second year—Second grade: Eric C. Bretnall, Samuel Montgomery. Mechanical Drawing.—First year—Second grade: Ebenezer A. Hamilton. Model Drawing.—First year—Second grade: Robert Edmonds. Second year—First grade: Harry McFarlane. Second grade: Alice L. Atkinson, Ernest G. O. Carr. Perspective (Ordinary).—First year—Second grade: Eric C. Bretnall. Shorthand (Elementary).—Honours: Nina D. Atkins. First grade—Olive Clarkson, Harry Drake, James A. Hare. (Corresponding).—Honours: William C. Watkins, Edith M. Hicks. First grade: Harry F. Devlin, Percy Smith. Speed (60 words per minute). First grade: Edith M. Hicks, Amy Jiffkins. Second grade: William C. Watkins, Percy Smith.

PORTLAND.—Mechanical Drawing.—First year—Second grade: William F. Lindsay.

QUEANBEYAN.—Millinery.—Second grade: Louisa M. Ringler.

RYDE.—Freehand Drawing.—First year—First grade: Dorothy Chatfield. Second grade: Celia Mitchell. Second year—First grade: Dorothy Chatfield. Model Drawing.—First year Second grade: Ethel Taylor, Dorothy Chatfield, William H. Downes.

TAMWORTH.—Antique Drawing.—First year—Second grade: Adeline H. Halliday, Irene E. Loder, Elsie R. Evans. Chemistry (Inorganic), Practical.—First year—Second grade: Donald H. Cameron. Second year—First grade: Douglas H. Staples. Second grade: Stephen M. Tout. Chemistry (Inorganic), Theoretical.—Second year—Second grade: Douglas H. Staples, Stephen M. Tout. Freehand Drawing.—First year—Honours: Adeline H. Halliday. First grade: Clifton D. Leak. Second grade: Edith M. Crowle, Robert T. Gillies, Evelyn Evans, Gladys M. Ivy, Jessie Donohue. Second year—Second grade: Adeline H. Halliday, Clifton D. Leak. Perspective (direct method).—First year—Second grade: Douglas H. Staples, Robert T. Gillies, Frederick W. Kennedy. Woodcarving (relief).—First year—Second grade: Mary M'Rae, Vera Pearson, Edith M. Huband-Smith.

TEMORA.—Dressmaking.—First year—Honours: Elsie M. Nixon, Florence M. Baker. First grade: Elizabeth H. Pilon. Millinery.—Second grade: Dorothea Schenhun.

WEST MAITLAND.—Design.—Second year—Second grade: Muriel Keeley. Chemistry (Inorganic), Practical.—First year—First grade: Nellie Hyslop. Third year—First grade: David A. Pike. Plumbing.—First year—Second grade: Richard A. Partridge, Wall, John Bartrop, Samuel Hamer, Percy Fletcher, Michael A. Bartrop. Third year—First grade: William H. Griffiths, Harry F. Tyer. Shorthand (Elementary).—First grade: Ralph W. Cotterill. Speed, 80 words per minute: Annie Smith. Speed, 100 words per minute: First grade: William H. Nicholas. Dressmaking.—Second year—First grade: Elsie M. Harcourt, Pearl Priddle.

YASS.—Dressmaking.—First year—Second grade: Margaret Louis. Millinery—Second grade: Grace Evans, Agnes Douglas.

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It is now common to find immigrants from the other side of the world working on farms in various parts of the State. For the most part they are a good type, and an acquisition to a young country. In the main they give satisfaction, their energy and interest in their work compensating for rawness in many attributes of farm life. They appear satisfied with their new conditions, and are working with the definite object of going on the land. The State, therefore, gains to-day, and will doubly gain to-morrow, for every additional producer is a valuable asset.

Yet regret must be felt that while these newcomers find a welcome here, in nighbouring towns scores of ablebodied young fellows, born in the locality, are content to pass their life as pickers-up of odd jobs—driving a cab or hired buggy—and supporting the verandah post between times in preference to regular farm work. It can be understood that ambitious lads will make for the cities in search of the greater opportunities they believe exist there. In a sense that is a healthy sign, for the influx of country blood and brains is one of the finest spurs to any city's progress. In any case it is a phase of life apart from our immediate consideration. It has engaged the attention of thinking men the world over, and as far as stopping it is concerned little advance is made.

But to be content with a life of no promise in a country town with its limitations is another matter. It is almost incomprehensible unless we are to assume that the native is lacking in energy and grit. Such an assumption is totally unwarranted in regard to the bulk of our young citizens. Most of these young fellows possess great advantages over any importation. The majority of them are accustomed to handle horses, and to a degree are familiar with stock generally. Few boys can pass their early days in a country town, particularly a small one, without getting a working knowledge of farm life. Moreover, it is quite common to notice in such localities that the boys are naturally attracted by this sort of thing. On sale day, for instance, it is common to find a handful of boys hanging about watching what is going on with keen and often intelligent interest. At a horse sale especially they are noticeable, and nothing gives them greater pleasure than to be allowed to give a hand, without thought of monetary return.

Yet, while this natural instinct for country life exists, it is generally found that, as they leave school, these boys drift into all sorts of employment but the one it might be thought they were naturally adapted for. They go into shops, where their acquaintance with live stock is limited to driving the delivery cart, often the main attraction. Others become mere casual labourers, or start a precarious career in a drover's camp. The most striking fact is that farm life is never considered, or very rarely, as an avenue of employment to the lad brought up in a country town. Indeed, it is safe to say that, excepting farmers' sons, the majority of men working on farms have come to the work in a casual way, after originally following some other occupation. Boys start at trades, in shops and offices, with a definite object. They seldom go on the farm in the same way. Yet the latter occupation, all things considered, offers equal, and, to the energetic, self-reliant man, better prospects.

There are two reasons to be found for this at least. One is that farming in this country, to a great extent, does not provide regular employment. On the wheat and sheep farms there are times when wages are especially good. But throughout the greater part of the year there is no employment but for a limited number of hands. Often all that is to be done is attended to by the farmer and his family. It cannot be expected that the former is going to keep on unnecessary labour. Similarly, a father is hardly likely to encourage his son to adopt a calling that he knows is only offering intermittent employment. The adoption of mixed farming and more intense culture would alter this position largely, and give regular work. But that is impossible on a large area of our country. At the same time there is in every district a fair amount of regular farm labour employed, and parents would often be wise if they directed the attention of their boys to the calling.

Another factor, particularly in country centres, that creates a strong prejudice against farm life is the manner in which farm labour has been treated. In the past, and, for that matter, in too many cases at present, farmers are largely responsible for the difficulty in obtaining labour owing to the poor accommodation and food provided. This has a lot to do with the fact that farm life does not appeal often to those it should. The remedy for that lies with the farmer. It pays to treat men decently, and pays better to treat boys decently. Of course there is the percentage who will not appreciate it, and it is hopeless to expect much from them. One thing is certain—it would be immensely to the advantage of the State if these country boys could be attracted to the farm, and teachers and parents would generally be studying the best interests of all concerned if they considered farm life in the light of a regular calling for boys leaving school.

ENGLISH WOOL TRADE.

RIVER PLATE WOOLS.

GOOD SALE IN LIVERPOOL.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

BRADFORD, Dec. 24.

The end of the year is fast drawing nigh, and yet everything appertaining to wool gives evidence of strength and activity. Somehow or other all through this year, when in the natural order of things markets have been expected to be quiet, activity has been pronounced, and it certainly speaks volumes for the strength of the raw material to find an active inquiry for wool, tops, and yarns. As a rule Christmas sees general slackness, but instead of that there are some fair weights still changing hands. I thought two weeks ago when one or two topmakers were disposed to accept /26 for their standard 64's tops that they were tempting business, and without doubt several spinners snapped the opportunity, and freely gave out contracts, which have caused the market once more to assume an air of activity. Several this week who were sellers a fortnight ago at the figure named have put in their prices to 2/2½ and 2/3, and some are now asking even 2/3½ for 64's; but such a quotation simply means that sellers are now so heavily sold ahead that they are protecting themselves. Be that as it may, the free sales of the past week are significant, and there is very little indication of there being any slowing-down as the holidays approach. Business on the whole is healthy and sound in all quarters, and what is wanted, both in spinning and weaving departments, is more hands to manipulate the machinery. Plenty of firms are advertising for operatives, both in the papers and at the mill doors, this being as good a sign as any of a brisk state obtaining in manufacturing areas.

SALE IN LIVERPOOL.

The River Plate wool industry has lately received a good deal of attention, largely because of the reported shortage in the clip. Estimates vary considerably as to what this is going to be, one going so far as to state that the deficiency will amount to 120,000 bales, which is equal to 240,000 colonial bales. All we can say is that if there is anything like such a shortage as that, the future of crossbreds is fully assured. According to Wenz and Co., who have received cable information from Buenos Ayres, the movement of the River Plate clip is on a more restricted scale than last year, and the following are the shipments from Buenos Ayres since October 1, when the Argentine wool year commences; the figures for the corresponding date a year ago being given by way of comparison:—

To	1909. Bales.	1908. Bales.
France	25,000	40,000
Germany	24,000	22,000
England	8,000	19,000
Belgium	10,000	18,000
United States	5,000	4,000

What is perhaps of more direct interest is the first sale of new season's wool, which was held in Liverpool last Tuesday, when about 2765 bales of South American wool were catalogued. A record crowd of Bradford buyers went over, these new clip wools being offered on account of well-known estancias in the River Plate, as well as Uruguay. Owing to the drought, the wools were hardly as well grown as last season, several clips also containing more vegetable matter, as well as being heavier in condition. A great buying spirit prevailed, and prices for the few merinos were on a full par with recent rates in London, while crossbreds went 5 to 7½ per cent. higher. Good shafty pieces, bellies, and lambs made extreme figures, but burry and faulty parcels hardly met that active demand, the lots selling somewhat irregularly.

OUTLOOK FOR LOW CROSSBREDS.

The position of low crossbreds is distinctly better than recently, and more interest is being taken in wools from 32's to 44's quality. Evidently the reasonableness of prices is forcing the attention of the trade on to these, and stocks of low crossbreds are to-day in very small compass. One or two firms have this last fortnight experienced an augmented demand for 40's tops, and they are established on a firmer foundation than at any time during 1909. Neither merinos nor fine crossbreds can advance as they have done without the next quality wools being more or less beneficially affected, and if the shortage in the River Plate clip is actual, then it can be taken for granted that coarse wool is going to appear to better advantage. Germany in the past has oftentimes absorbed big quantities of single 30's yarn, and this count licks up some big weights of 40's to 44's tops, spinners to-day being better supplied with particulars than for some considerable time past. Within six weeks ago 40's tops have improved nearly a penny per lb. The sale in Liverpool last Tuesday was largely composed of strong-quality wools, yet they sold remarkably well at prices a penny above Bradford for the combed top. I am certain from I what I see and hear that there is a greater disposition to take up these wools, and consumption is undoubtedly expanding. It is this fact which, to say the least, is encouraging as one looks forward to the forthcoming New Zealand clip, and all along representatives of Bradford firms in New Zealand have been cabling home asking to have their limits raised in order to buy wool to fit in with the way things were going. The cabled particulars of the purchases by English buyers in Buenos Ayres up to date, compared with a year ago, show a startling reduction, and here, too, we have emphasised the difficulty of being able to buy wool even in that part of the world.

WOOLLEN TRADE CONDITIONS.

The woollen trade continues to maintain a good record, and busines on the whole is satisfactory. Throughout the heavy woollen district some big weights of worsted yarns are being consumed, and there is plenty of overtime being run both in Batley and Dewsbury. What seems to be troubling not a few is the dearness of cotton warps, and the continued quietness of the Lancashire cotton-spinning industry is an omen of no good. In Huddersfield there is on the whole little to complain about, most firms being busy. Recently I received the following from a very competent Huddersfield correspondent:—"Orders now come in very slow, and it looks as if we are going to have a somewhat quieter time for the next month, that is, until spring repeats begin to come in. Trade in the town and district seems to be good. I hear of everybody being busy; nobody is slack, but I think they are mostly working off old orders. The present wintry weather is helping trade in the heavier fabrics, and there is more doing by way of purchasing stock lines of heavy goods. The Scotch makers are reported to be doing well. That will mean that crossbreds will be more favoured than of late, making that class of wool dearer. The consumption of merino wool will, however, not be much less, especially in 60's and 64's quality." The above, in a practical way, sizes up the present situation, and, as far as one can see, there is not much to complain about in the woollen areas of the West Riding. Most of the mills are standing only Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

AMERICAN WOOL TRADE.

The annual review of the wool trade in the United States, compiled by Mr. Winthrop L. Marvin, secretary of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, has been issued, and places the number of sheep fit for shearing in the United State last season at 42,293,205, an increase of 1,981,657 over 1908, when the total stood at 40,311,548. This increase is made up chiefly of additions to the estimated number in Montana 400,000, Wyoming and Idaho 300,000 each, and New Mexico 200,000. A number of the States are credited with a small numerical increase, while in many the returns indicate a small decrease. The total clip, excluding pulled wool, is estimated at 287,110,749lb, an increase of 16,972,428lb, an increase of 6,893,137lb over last year, due partly to the lighter shrinkage of the wools in the present season.

The amount of pulled wool has been most carefully considered, and the estimate is put at 41,000,000lb, the quantity estimated as the production of last year. The shrinkage is continued at 30 per cent., making the yield equal to 28,700,000lb of clean wool. The grades of values of pulled wool (scoured basis) are estimated as follows by William A. Blanchard, of Boston:—Fine and fine medium, 15,300,000lb; medium and coarse, 13,400,000lb; total, 28,700,000lb. The total production of the country for 1909, including pulled wool, is, therefore, 328,110,749lb, or 6,863,137lb in excess of the estimated product of last year, and is equal to 142,233,785lb of scoured wool. The average weight of fleece is 6.70lb, an increase of 6.60lb in 1907.

AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE.

BUTTER.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

The Christmas butter market has been short and brisk, buyers who held back in the hope of a further decline being forced to make purchases. A rise in the Danish quotation of 2/3 last week helped this considerably. Fifty per cent. of that, viz., one kroner, has since been taken off by Copenhagen. But this came too late to materially affect purchases, and such portions of the consignments ex Macedonia and Tainui as remained unsold were disposed of at from 1/ to 2/ advance. No Australian was landed this week, but last week 25,904 boxes arrived; New Zealand landings were 95,044 boxes for the fortnight. Continental butters are firm and supplies short, with one exception. And in that case, Scandinavian, the increase is but small. Fair quantities of Argentine, however, continue to come to hand, and a good demand for it keeps up. Business for the week closed for choicest at 104/ to 106/, with occasionally 108/ for New South Wales butter, both salted and unsalted; Victorian, 106/ to 108/, salted and unsalted; Queensland, 104/ to 106/; New Zealand, 108/ to 110/, with here and there 112/; and Argentine, 106/ to 108/. No unsalted New Zealand was left on the market.

MOISTURE IN BUTTER.

There have been no complaints of excessive moisture in Australasian butter of late; the offenders in this respect appear to have been taught a lesson. People who do business in Tooley-street resolutely refused to pay the same price for moisture that they paid for butter. But when New Zealand exporters found themselves forced back from the position in which excellent grading had put them they were quick to learn the lesson and apply it. Probably they now know that it does not always pay to be too greedy, and that the best thing they can do is to grade well, and keep up to the grade. At any rate, those who did the mischief seem to have had an effectual stop put to their practices. And the whole trade has benefited by it.

RABBITS AND HARES.

Since the opening of the season in March, trade in frozen rabbits has been pretty regular, but prices have never ruled very high. Sydney rabbits have been much more fancied, on account of their being fatter and in better condition than Victorian. About six weeks ago a report was widely spread that there would be a great advance before Christmas, but no such advance has taken place, nor from recent arrivals is there likely to be for some little time to come. The English season for rabbits having been pretty good, this has prevented any very heavy run on Australian. Judging from what one sees, Australian rabbits appear to be coming from a wider area than formerly, and underwriters, it is thought, may now well consider the advisability of lessening the high premiums charged on rabbits, for practically there have been no serious claims the whole of the season. Last March prices ruled very high, and it is not improbable that the same thing will occur this year when English supplies fall off. Australian hares have done badly this season, and there has been difficulty in getting c.i.f. orders complied with; three or four houses in London secured nearly all the output. This was not very large, as, evidently the bare season in Australia was short. Prices were put so high that the goods eventually became too dear for the markets usually supplied. London has never been a large buyer of frozen hares, but Paris, Brussels, and Germany have been very good customers through English houses. But the Paris trade dropped suddenly when the price went up to 3s, and at the present time, probably, there is not a firm in London handling hares for export that has not lost money.

MEAT.

Christmas week at Smithfield opened with a record pitch of meat, no less than 4316 tons being placed on the books on Monday. Poultry and pork were in great demand, and beef was very firm, frozen seeing a welcome advance. Mutton was in little request, but Australian lamb was called for. A couple of days of warm, wet weather, however, has been disastrous to butchers, who relied on their show of chilled beef and frozen mutton and lamb. Importers are getting somewhat anxious to know what affect the coal strike in Australia may have. It is thought by the optimists that, though a few ships may be delayed, the delay will be but temporary. The computation on which people here are working, however, is that there may be a diminution of about 25 per cent. in the supplies coming forward. That estimate is based on the fact that the strike has happened just at the time a good many pastoralists would be thinking of exporting lamb, and if the strike causes delay for any length of time the lamb may be held over for next year's mutton in order that the benefit of the clip may be got. There is certainly nothing in the outlook at this end to induce shipments being rushed forward to the end of the strike, which has had the effect of firming prices for both Australian mutton and lamb.

RABBITSKINS.

There is a strong demand on the part of furriers for Australian and New Zealand rabbitskins, and at the final public sales for the year practically everything offered was sold. Prime winter skins now command good prices, and black and silvery skins find ready sale. Full winter skins from Australia and Tasmania, indeed, have brought prices that have beaten the record, and as much as 5/10 per lb for prime Tasmanian, and 5/5 for Sydney skins, have been realised. These prices, however, were beaten at the last sales by at least one bale of New Zealand skins, selected, which brought 6/8 per lb. Furs are worn more and more every year, and the rabbitskin forms the basis of imitations of the most valuable sorts. For instance, some of the largest and most fashionable West End shops freely advertise "electric" and "coney" seal, and a really beautiful imitation it is. "Coney," of course, is the old-fashioned name for rabbit. But it would hardly do to advertise "rabbit" seal.

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THE NORTHERN TREK.

VICTORIANS IN RIVERINA.

RAPID PROGRESS.

INCREASING WHEAT PRODUCTION.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

I.

Wheat is now being successfully grown in western parts of Riverina where formerly one would doubt a man's sanity should he venture to suggest such a possibility. It is not many years since the idea of growing wheat in the Wyalong district was considered absurd, and the experiment only worthy of a fool. Yet Wyalong is making rapid bounds in the production of wheat, and its wealth of wheat is fast outstripping the value of the gold-mining industry, which was once its life-blood. Temora was founded with the advent of gold-mining. The mining industry has gone, but there is a big and important town in the making—growing over the deserted pits which saw its birth. There is no gold, but the wealth of golden grain is a larger recompense. The progress of south-western towns—Coolamon, Ganmain, and Narrandera—is too well known to be reviewed, and the mushroom growth of towns between the main line and Corowa has been described previously.

The construction of branch lines has naturally given the impetus required to open lands to the farmer, and it is to be hoped that the ready response which has been made in traffic on these lines will encourage the Government to initiate a vigorous policy of railway construction in wheat areas. Hand-in-hand with this goes the resumption of suitable properties for closer settlement, and the opening of Crown lands in the area tapped by the line. There is in addition, the voluntary subdivision of private estates near the railway and in Riverina. It is notable that pastoralists and companies holding large areas of wheat country have not been backward in cutting up their estates when a new line has rendered it accessible. The enhanced value given by the railway, and the eager demand for wheat country handy to the line has enabled them to reap, generally, handsome profits from subdivisions. It is significant that the owners of many such properties have preferred to subdivide rather than have the land resumed by the Government.

There can be no example more eloquent of the progress and activity which follow in the wake of a railway than that afforded on the route of the line from Temora to Barellan. The section from Temora to Ariah Park has been constructed for some years. Two years ago the route of the line from Ariah Park to Barellan—about 40 miles—was covered with pine and box timber, thinned in parts where the station property had been rung and suckered.

A trip through this country now astonishes one who travelled there two years ago. There is quite a respectable township at Ariah Park, which includes a hotel, school, and a score of dwelling-houses. The largest structure in the town, however, is the wheat-shed, which is, notwithstanding, utterly incapable of accommodating all the wheat which is pouring over the weighbridge at the station. When the line was first constructed, the railway authorities declined to appoint a stationmaster for Ariah Park, as it was thought a porter or fettler's wife could manage the business. How little even the authorities, who should have the best idea of what business would be done, guessed how settlement was extending! Already this year 50,000 bags of wheat have arrived at Ariah Park, and at Quandary and Merrool—two sidings on each side—over 50,000 bags have been received. At the next station, Beckom, there is a large accommodation house, a blacksmith's shop, store, and post-office, besides half a dozen dwelling-houses. This does not sound wonderful, but it is, if taken in the light of the fact that less than 18 months ago there was nothing but the pine scrub, scattered farms, and the old Ariah homestead—formerly the home of the Welmans. Ten miles beyond there used to be a store and one or two houses standing in a little clearing amongst the timber. These are still there, but there has been a land sale, and the township of Ardlethan is week by week adding new evidences of civilisation. It now possesses a hotel, three stores, post-office, and a sprinkling of little houses, built of sawn pine, which from its pristine character exudes quite a pleasant aroma. The railway station is the scene of daily activity, as the horse and bullock waggons lumber out from the pine scrub to the clearing, and disgorge their grain freights into the shed. Further out settlers are busy felling the forest ready for the plough, and next year nearly all the sidings will be stacked with grain. At the terminus of the line, Barellan, a township is being founded, but there is a belief that the railway will not find its terminus for many years there, but will be extended still further westward.

That is what the railway is doing. Then in reviewing the march of settlement it is necessary to note the healthy demand which exists for Riverina land, especially for wheat country within easy distance of the railway. Co-incident with this demand land values have increased enormously, and to such an extent that the opportunities for making handsome profits have tempted holders to sell out, even though their income from production was considerable. The sellers, having pocketed their profits, go north or west in search of larger properties. It is not generally recognised how far this influx of Victorian farmers has assisted the settlement of Riverina, and to what extent this movement has inflated land values. Ask a land agent in any Riverina town what sort of inquiry exists for wheat land. The answer invariably is that there are numerous inquiries from the Goulburn Valley or some other Victorian district for Riverina country. These men come from districts where cultivation land brings anything from £10 to £15 an acre, and when offered equally good land this side at from £4 to £6, there is comparatively little trouble in effecting sales. Although the land this side is often more remote than that Victorians have been used to, its productive capacity is generally quite equal to that on the other side, and as freights for wheat are encouragingly low on our railways over long distances, remoteness does not count heavily in the expense account, however high it may in that of social amenities.

So if the Victorian farmer does not come across the border himself he sends his sons, who can take up a much larger area here than near the old home. Riverina land is well advertised across the Murray, as much by the good reports of newly-settled friends to friends as by the newspapers. So the northern trek continues, and now in some districts nearly all the farmers are Victorians. For a decade this northern movement on the part of Victorians has been particularly in evidence, and during the last two or three years the magnetic influence of Riverina in attracting these men has been more pronounced than ever. Owing to its proximity, young Victorians can leave the old people to commence their careers on land of their own, and still retain close communication, while the similarity of the soil and conditions of rainfall divest the venture of the uncertainty which is naturally created in going forth into a new country.

VALUE OF WHEAT-GROWING.

FORBES.—There is a large quantity of wheat—the largest on record for the Forbes district—at present stacked in the railway station-yard awaiting transhipment. Wheat-growing has made wonderful strides in this district within the last few years, due in a great measure to the influx of Victorian and South Australian settlers. Many of these, in the first instance, came over as share farmers; but all, or nearly all, to-day own comfortable properties, bought solely from the profits of their industry here. Besides making a success for themselves, these farmers gave the impetus to the local men, who up till then were satisfied to scratch a few acres in each year in a very primitive way. The newcomers knew how to till, and how to get the best return from the soil. A landowner nowadays does not hold his land for speculative purposes, as was the case about a decade ago, when most of the available blocks in the district were first taken up under the homestead selection tenure. Very few of the original selectors of 10 years back hold the land to-day. Land values must necessarily increase when owners are able to make £5 and upwards per acre off their holdings for wheat alone. Many farmers living as much as 30 miles from the railway have profitably cultivated big tracts this last season. Given a promising season in the current year, there will be a considerable increase in the area put under wheat, as many pastoralists are letting out portions of their holdings on the share system; in this connection, Mr. J. Dent, of Oma (a station of about 44,000 acres), the proprietors of Pinnacle station, and others. Bundaburra, Warroo and Wandary stations are already farming on a large scale.

WESTERN WHEAT.

The following comparative figures are of interest, as shewing the quantity of wheat handled this season in the Orange railway district, i.e., west of Blayney, and the huge increase upon any season previous:—

	Nov.	Dec.	To Jan. 19.	Total Bags.
1907-08	21,732	45,616	46,431	113,779
1908-09	25,967	44,249	51,369	121,585
1909-10	36,884	207,938	189,682	434,504

The bags loaded in 1907-8 have been calculated on the Chapman bag basis for comparative purposes. The 434,404 bags have been actually loaded and despatched, and a very large amount of traffic has been handled under difficult conditions. Ten thousand old sleepers have been provided free of charge by the Chief Commissioner for stacking purposes, and they have been hauled (in many cases long distances) for distribution at 25 different stations and sidings.

THE BUTTER BUSINESS.

COASTAL FARMERS' SOCIETY.

BEGA, Wednesday.

BEGA.—The half-yearly meeting of shareholders of the Coastal Farmers' Co-operative Society was held here on Tuesday. Mr. W. D. Warden, chairman of directors, presided. The interim report and balance-sheet for the half-year was submitted. The chairman said that owing to the late drought on the South Coast there was a falling off in the turnover of over £30,000 on the previous period, but the December quarter was a record, being £268,240. The December turnover, £101,442, was also a record for the month. The most important event of the period was the fusion with the North Coast, which would be a great benefit to the industry. The grain and auctioneering departments had been added, and were paying well. The society had used its weight against a State butter factory, and also against the colouring of margarine.

Messrs. Reading and M'Gregor, of the North Coast Co-operative Dairy Company, referred to the fusion with the North Coast Company, and said their company was actuated only by a desire to benefit the whole industry by the concentration of local sales on one co-operative floor. There was no truth whatever in the reports circulated by opponents that the North Coast Company would swallow the coastal society, or that the North Coast butter got preference over others by the society.

Mr. Kelly said the society was doing good work for the farmers in selling their lucerne hay. It ensured better produce to the buyers and better prices to growers.

Mr. Parbery spoke strongly about the manner cheese was handled at the wharf in Sydney, and said dairymen were being continually hounded by an army of inspectors and experts, yet the cheese was allowed to be handled at the wharf in the dirtiest manner. He thought the Board of Public Health should let the farmers alone, and give more attention to the other end.

Mr. C. E. D. Meares said that it was most gratifying that Great Britain, despite the continued increase, was giving better prices. A few years ago they used to think they were lucky if butter averaged 93/ to 94/. The last 12 months it averaged 101/ to 102/. He regretted that, with few exceptions, the qualities had not improved. The only way to do this was to sell butter on its merits, not on a Government grade. Many managers were satisfied to squeeze through the grade anyhow. The mission of co-operation was not to make a profit or loss on London, but to keep the Sydney and London market on an equilibrium. The society, after several years' fighting for direct export, was now feeling its power. The concentration of the North Coast butter on the society's floor had helped this. Direct export gave the farmers control of their own business. The society could have made £5000 in commission in the last six months by spot selling, and have paid farmers such a bonus that no agent could have stood up to it. But the society was an institution more than a business, and Great Britain was now the real battle ground. The society assisted to form the interstate committee there, and it was already exercising a powerful influence on prices. Last season the local market was flooded with imported cheese, and the market boomed so agents could get rid of it. The thing got so bad that he went on the floor himself and fought against it. These men who imported cheese were being supported from Bega. The same thing was done during the last few months with maize. The bulk of the society's work was unpopular and silent. The society was now getting large quantities of maize and hay for sale. He referred to the successful fight against the colouring of margarine, and said the society was developing great political respect. They were now endeavouring to get the other States to join in urging the English Government to pass similar legislation against the colouring of margarine. Australian and Siberian butter was seriously handicapped in London by margarine.

BUTTER BOXES.

FIGHTING ALLEGED COMBINE.

PROPOSED CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY.

BEGA.—At a meeting of directors of butter factories, held at Bega on Tuesday, to consider the question of the price of butter boxes, as demanded by the combination of six manufacturers in Sydney, the following factories were represented:—Bega, Cobargo, Bemboka, West-end, Pambula, and Candelo factory. There were also present Messrs. W. D. Warden, chairman of directors, Coastal Farmers' Society; C. E. D. Meares and Reading, and M'Gregor, of the North Coast Dairy Co-operative Company.

Mr. Meares said a number of factories had asked the society to do something to break down the exorbitant rate now demanded for boxes—1s 8d each. To bring about that result they desired foremost the immediate establishment of a co-operative box company, shares in same to be taken by each factory in proportion to its output. The next step would be that factories would be asked to contract with this company for a period of three years, giving the company full authority to make a combined purchase for the requirements of all factories. Failing a satisfactory deal, then the company would immediately proceed to manufacture boxes. The provisional meeting was held in Sydney last Friday, and the prospectus drafted. A mass conference of delegates from all factories will be held in Sydney next month, each delegate to have full authority to sign for shares, and also to enter upon a provisional contract for the supply of boxes for the period.

Those present unanimously pledged themselves to use their influence with their boards with a view to signing contracts and taking shares.

The North Coast representatives said their company was watching every step, and explained that every addition of a penny in boxes above the true market value represented a loss of £1000 a year to their company. All facts had been gathered by their board, and they were now considering it, and would, they believed, fall into line with the other factories.

PRICE OF MILK.

UNANDERRA.—On Monday night the quarterly meeting of the local branch of the South Coast Milk Suppliers' Association was held. Mr. J. W. Gorrell, the delegate to the Central Association, thought that no milk should be sent to Sydney at less than 7d per gallon. Mr. L. Carr expressed the opinion that the Camden men had been led by one or two men, and had followed like sheep. It was strange that men should so stand in their own light. He favoured amalgamation with the Camden centre.

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MARRIAGES.

HEDGES—HARKNESS.—December 30, 1909, at St. James' Church, King-street, by the Rev. J. R. Maclean, William W., eldest son of the late John Hedges, to Mary Agnes Matilda, youngest daughter of the late William Harkness, of Lincluden, Cooma, and Mrs. Harkness, Locksley Hall, Merrylands.

HELM—SHEAFFE.—December 29, 1909, at St. Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn, by the Ven. Archdeacon Bartlett, assisted by Canon McDonnell, Harrie Vardon, youngest son of late C. O. Helm, M.A. (Oxford), and Mrs. Helm, Sydney, to Madeline Frances, third daughter of G. H. Sheaffe, district surveyor, Goulburn, and Mrs. Sheaffe.

DEATHS.

BELL.—January 26, 1910, at his residence, 140 Ernest-street, North Sydney, John M. Bell, in his 63rd year.

CRAIG.—January 26, 1910, at his residence, 1 O'Dowd-street, Waverley, John Craig, aged 72 years.

HEPTONSTALL.—January 25, 1910, at her late residence, 2 Hawken-street, Newtown, Mary, the beloved wife of Isaac Heptonstall, aged 55 years.

HESKETH.—January 21, at Bathurst, Ena Margaret, beloved infant daughter of Alfred and Annie Hesketh, aged 2 months (pneumonia).

LOCKE.—January 25, 1910, at Dalmore, Baulkham Hills, Alexander John, fourth son of the late William and Eliza Locke, of Locke's-avenue, Balmain East, aged 42 years.

McNAMARA.—January 26, 1910, at her parents' residence, 88 Carrington-road, Waverley, Agnes McNamara, aged 26, the late beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael McNamara. R.I.P.

MORRIS.—On his way to Tanami goldfield, Fred, husband of Lena Morris (nee Wongenheim), in his 41st year. G.R.H.S.

SHELTON.—January 25, 1910, Kitty, widow of the late Stephen Shelton (formerly of Balmain), aged 65 years.

SMITH.—January 25, 1910, at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, George Arthur, dearly beloved father of Margaret Mason, of 52 Whistler-street, Manly, aged 58 years, late of Surrey, New Malden, England.

SPENCER.—January 23, at Airedale, Pennant Hills West, George Sydney, aged 2 months.

IN MEMORIAM.

AIKEN.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Frances Aiken, who departed this life January 27, 1904. Gone, but not forgotten. Inserted by her loving children, Will, Amy, and Ada.

AIKEN.—In sad and loving memory of my dear mother, Frances Aiken, who died January 27th, 1909, aged 65. Inserted by her loving daughter, Fanny.

Rest, dearest mother, thy toil is o'er,
Thy loving hands shall toil no more,
No more thy gentle eyes shall weep,
Rest, darling mother, sweetly rest.
Oh, how I miss you, mother dear,
It is only God that knows.

DUNNING.—In loving memory of my dear wife, Julia Dunning, who departed this life January 27, 1909. Inserted by her loving husband, John Dunning.

DUNNING.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Julia Dunning, who departed this life January 27, 1909. Inserted by her loving sons and daughters.

DUNNING.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Julia Dunning, who passed away on January 27, 1909, aged 45 years. Sadly missed. Inserted by her loving daughter, Florence Powell.

FLYNN.—In loving memory of our dear brother, Albert Flynn, who died at Perth, Western Australia, January 26th, 1909. Not forgotten. Inserted by his loving brothers, John and Willie Flynn.

KENT.—In loving memory of our dear little Ernie, who died January 27, 1903, aged 4½ years. "Dearly loved and sadly missed." Inserted by his fond grandma and uncle Jim.

GRAHAM.—In fond and loving memory of our dear mother, Edith Graham, who departed this life January 27th, 1905, at Long Bay, aged 45 years. Inserted by her loving children.

LAVENDER.—In loving memory of our dear mother and mother-in-law, Harriet Lavender, who departed this life January 27, 1909, aged 67 years. Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Phoebe, and grandchildren, Phoebe and Jim.

LAVENDER.—In loving memory of my dear wife and their mother, Harriett, who departed this life on the 27th January, 1909. Inserted by her loving husband, James Lavender, and children, Emily and Sid.

LAVENDER.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Harriett Lavender, who departed this life on the 27th January, 1909. Inserted by her loving children, Minnie, Ada, Wal., Harry.

LAVENDER.—In loving memory of our dear mother and mother-in-law, Harriet Lavender, who departed this life January 27, 1909, aged 67 years. Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Annie, and grandchildren, Winnie and Gwen.

LAVENDER.—In sad but loving memory of our dear mother, Harriett Lavender, who departed this life January 27, 1909. Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, Will and Mary Lavender, and grandchild, Enid.

MACKAY.—A tribute of love to the memory of my dear mother, who peacefully passed away on January 27, 1908, aged 73 years.

Dear mother has gone, her troubles are over,
She is free from sorrow and pain;
The trials of this life which she secretly bore
Will never distress her again.

Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Powell.

McKAY.—In sad but loving memory of my dear mother, Rachel McKay, who departed this life January 27th, 1908.

The flowers I place upon her grave,
Will wither and decay,
But the love for her in memory still
Will never fade away.

Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Martha and W. Reed.

MARSHALL.—In loving memory of my dear husband, James Marshall, who departed this life 27th January, 1908, at his late residence, 7 Uralla-street, Newtown, formerly of 134 New Canterbury-road, Petersham, aged 47 years. Inserted by his loving wife, Letitia Marshall.

MASTERS.—In loving memory of our dear father, William Masters, who departed this life January 27, 1909.

Along life's troubled path he trod,
Past three score years and ten,
Then God thought fit to take him home
To rest for evermore.

Inserted by his loving son and daughter-in-law, J. and Emily Masters.

OSGOOD.—A tribute of love to the memory of my dear mother and our grandmother, Bridget Osgood, who departed this life January 27th, 1908. Inserted by her loving daughter, Charlotte Tarran, and grandchildren. Sadly missed.

SCHOFIELD.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Frank, who departed this life January 27, 1909.

God takes the good, too good to stay,
And leaves the bad, too bad to take away.

Inserted by his loving wife, Olive.

SCHOFIELD.—In loving remembrance of our dear brother, Frank, who departed this life January 27, 1909. Sadly missed. Inserted by his sorrowing brothers, Edwin, Varley, and sister-in-law, Ada.

SCHOFIELD.—In memory of Frank Schofield, who died January 27th, 1909. J. H., R. H.

TATTERSALL.—In loving memory of my dearly beloved husband, Joseph, who departed this life January 27, 1907. Gone, but not forgotten. Inserted by his loving wife, Ellen Tattersall.

TATTERSALL.—A token of love to the memory of our dear father, who departed this life on January 27, 1907.

Sweet to our memories, dear to our hearts,
Our love to your memory never shall part.
We know that the years, be they many or few,
Will be years of remembrance, dear father, of you.

Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and James Bell.

TATTERSALL.—In loving memory of our dear beloved father, who departed this life January 27, 1907. Gone, but not forgotten. Inserted by his loving sons, Joseph and Frederick.

TATTERSALL.—In loving memory of our dear beloved father, who departed this life January 27, 1907. Inserted by his loving daughters, Ruby, Alice, and Gladys. Gone, but not forgotten.

TATTERSALL.—In loving memory of our dear beloved father, who departed this life January 27, 1907. Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Ethel and Dan Lee. Gone, but not forgotten.

WALKER.—In loving memory of my dearly loved husband and our father, Charles Walker, who departed this life January 25, 1908. Inserted by his loving wife and family.

WEIR.—In affectionate remembrance of Thomas (Tommy), who passed away after a long and painful illness on January 9, 1909.

Though lost to sight to memory ever dear.

Inserted by his friend, W. Connell, Western Australia. Queensland papers please copy.

YARD.—In loving memory of my dear husband, G. T. Yard, who departed this life January 27, 1905. Inserted by his loving wife and family. Still in memory dear.

RETURN THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. H. McCAUSLAND, of Redfern, desire to return their sincere THANKS to all friends for their kind expressions of sympathy and floral tributes, also cards and letters, during their late sad bereavement.

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THE HEADSHIP OF THE NAVY.

What, all things considered, is probably the most responsible office in the British Empire has this week had a change of occupants. Lord Fisher of Kelverstone—better known as, until recently, Sir John Fisher—has stepped down from the post of First Sea Lord and Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Arthur Wilson has stepped up into the vacancy. It is not too much to say that the official passing of Lord Fisher is a national event. Whatever view may be taken of his policy, or of his methods of administration, there is no gainsaying that he left his impress upon the navy as no predecessor in the office has done within memory. It fell to his lot to make many changes, and the fact that he made them with small reference to the interests or prejudices of individuals, some of them influential enough, may go far to explain much of the bitter personal criticism to which he was subjected in the latter half of his administrative period. But, although he might have achieved his results with less friction had he been blessed with some of the saving quality of tact, it was inevitable that a man could not challenge the conservatism of a great service like the Imperial navy in the somewhat audacious way that he did without making powerful enemies. The disgruntled section, both in the navy and out of it, found their mouthpiece in Lord Charles Beresford, who, it is to be feared, has used his opportunities for public criticism with a lamentable want of restraint. Probably no one would think of questioning Lord Charles Beresford's sincerity in holding Lord Fisher's policy to be, in some important respects, ill-conceived, but in endeavouring to belittle the First Sea Lord in the eyes alike of the service and the public he has been guilty of conduct which it may be hoped in the interests of the navy will not stand as a precedent.

But whether Lord Fisher's policy in all respects has been good or not, as far as the public is able to gauge the general results, there would seem no doubt that the retiring Admiral leaves the navy an immensely stronger and more efficient fighting machine than he found it. That is a service the nation cannot lightly value. Not since Nelson's day, perhaps, has there been a time when naval efficiency has meant more to the British Empire than it does to-day. In these circumstances it is consoling to know that the distinguished officer who succeeds Lord Fisher enters upon his new duties with the fullest confidence of the service and of the nation. He is distinctly the navy's choice—the man whom the service acclaims, almost without dissentient voice, as its most accomplished fleet commander. But, like many other of the best servants of the Empire, Sir Arthur Wilson has done his work so quietly that until recently his name was scarcely known outside the navy. Whether he will show the same genius for administration as he has done for manoeuvring battle fleets remains to be seen; but it is vastly in his favour to begin with that he is not identified with the cliqueism in high places which bodes no good to service discipline. Rightly or wrongly, Lord Fisher got the credit of starting the Dreadnought race, and his faith in the big ship and the big gun divided him off in opinion from some other naval officers of ability and distinction. How Sir Arthur Wilson's preferences run in this regard the public does not yet know, and it is doubtful if even the service knows. But we can be sure that whatever view he may take of the naval requirements will be the view of a man who knows more about ships of war than any other man the British nation could have placed at the head of its navy.

THE COMING OF COAL.

The arrival of the steamer Quito with a cargo of coal consigned to the New South Wales Government is the beginning of the fulfilment of Mr. Lee's promise that whatever else happened the transit facilities of the State should not be held up by the strike. Relying on this determination it proved possible to make the interruption of train and tram services of short duration. We hope we may take it for granted that the Quito and the other two or three ships due to arrive do not represent the limit of Government enterprise; but that supplies will be maintained regularly from now on until the strike is over. One of the mistakes all along has been to assume that the strike would not last. We know to our cost that it has lasted nearly three months. It is just as impossible to predict an early end to it now as it ever was. Every argument urges a return to work, but argument seems to have but little to do with the matter, and for all that appears obstinacy may prolong the struggle until exhaustion brings it to a close. The miners seem to be without sympathy, either for themselves or others, or they would not be able to pass over the many pathetic cases reported from day to day of families brought to destitution because the breadwinner, who has nothing to do with coal, has incidentally been deprived of employment. The immediate point, however, is that coal is being obtained not only by the Government, but by private shippers. A great deal of mystery is maintained about these cargoes, but in general it is well known that large foreign supplies are about to arrive, and Sydney, like Melbourne, will be independent of the local product. Moreover, the failure of the strike to stop the wheels of industry is nowhere more significantly illustrated than by the amount of local coal that has come forward during the last three months. It had to be procured, and somehow it was forthcoming.

This failure ought to be enough to convince the men still determined not to work how futile their campaign is. With regard to the foreign coal now coming forward in large quantities there is no need to anticipate serious trouble in handling it. It has been shown that there is an abundant supply of free labour, supposing the coal-lumpers refuse to work. The time has gone by when there was any chance of a general waterside strike in sympathy with the miners. That had to come at once or not at all. Now it is too late. The coal strike has been too futile, and too badly handled, and too readily crippled by necessary legislation, to make it a possible starting point for a general revolt of unionism. Any trouble on the wharfs will be sporadic and easily met. The Wharf-labourers Union is taking a ballot as to whether it shall work on ships coaled by non-union labour, but whatever the result may be the wharf-labourers will have quite enough to do to look after their own troubles. The union coal-lumpers are in much the same position. In each case free labour is ready and willing to offer itself, and, what is worse, if the employees obtain a wages board preference to unionists may be negatived, indeed is certain to be negatived in the circumstances. The strike situation is therefore utterly hopeless from the point of view of those who expected the coming of foreign coal to be a signal for some dramatic development. All that we have to do is to see that the coal comes, and that it comes sufficiently and regularly. The firmer the position taken by the Government and the private consumer, the sooner is the strike likely to be over, and the greater is the chance of a reasonably long period of industrial peace. Whether the strike ends at once, or whether it drifts aimlessly along, the grievances alleged will now meet with full inquiry, and, so far as they are real, with full redress. The award will be enforced upon coal proprietors, and whatever it is it will be more than the men could get without the aid of the law. Why, then, prolong the struggle?

THE FLOODS.

The latest news of the floods is, fortunately, of a much more cheerful character. The town of Walgett, whose fate has been in suspense for some days, is now apparently safe. The river has ceased to rise, which locally is regarded as tantamount to beginning to fall. We can only congratulate the townspeople upon their deliverance, for, as our correspondent in the locality points out in his message, if a town built on the typical black soil plains, as Walgett is, had been submerged the damage to all the better buildings must have been most serious. Their foundations would have sunk in the deep glutinous black mud, and where the walls were of brick they scarcely could have held together. The pause in the flood, therefore, saves an addition to the losses, which relatively might have been much more serious than in the other towns which have been flooded on the upper reaches of the rivers. We can only now hope that the worst of these extraordinary floods has been experienced in all places, and that soon the work of rehabilitation may be entered upon. But though the waters may be subsiding, it should not be imagined that the call for relief is no longer urgent. Many people have lost their all, and are in direst need, and these are the people for whom relief is being organised. From the way in which the subscriptions have been coming in, it is questionable if the extent of the need is realised by a public which, in the main, has no conception of what a great river-flood means. Relief, however, to be much use must be speedy, and the best way to ensure this is for the Government to accept the responsibility of supplementing private benevolence to whatever extent may be necessary. That is the immediate consideration. A more remote one is the prevention of flood waters reaching the towns in the future. Walgett, apparently, has something of the kind in mind, and Tamworth has discussed it at a public meeting. This is a sensible proceeding, and might well have a practical issue. The impromptu dyke built around Walgett does not seem to have been put to very hard service, but there seems to be little doubt locally that it would have been very effective in keeping out water. The question suggests itself: Why not utilise the knowledge possessed as to the height of this flood to throw up permanent earthworks around the town? These could be constructed inexpensively, and they would act as a defensive cordon whenever the river chanced to rise again. Much the same might be said in regard to Tamworth. These flood embankments are already in existence around the lucerne country, on the Lower Hunter. Spurred to action by successive losses by flood, the farmers clubbed together and built the dykes themselves. They saved their lucerne lands when the Hunter rose only within the last month. It is open to other localities liable to flood to adopt the same simple measure of prevention.

FARMERS AND POLITICS.

The annual meeting of the Commonwealth council of farmers' organisations now being held in Melbourne is of no little significance as an indication of the political, and politically practical, feeling of the great producing interests of Australia. No special importance attaches to the remarks of Sir Robert Best as to the possible influence of preference upon agricultural development, inasmuch as both the influence and the preference are rather more than problematical. Sir Robert, however, was very much to the point in remarking upon the enormous future before Australian wheat-growing, provided only that we learn from America the lesson of small holdings and scientific study of the particular wheat suited to the particular district. We have hardly yet gripped the fact that we have to breed many special varieties of wheat capable of making the most of our special conditions. The conference is an object-lesson in businesslike procedure, and it at once settled down to two or three pointed resolutions, which show how clearly the farmers realise in what the present essentials of good government consist. It is very striking, and at the same time very satisfying, that a conference, representing hundreds of farmers' organisations all over Australia, should voice unmistakably the vital importance of the two-party system, and that of the two possible parties they should be firm in their determination to have nothing to do with pseudo-socialism masquerading as a political panacea when it is not pre-occupied by arousing class prejudices. It is a further source of strength that the good work of the coalition Government should be so heartily and so spontaneously recognised; but the plain fact is that the agricultural community has had ample cause for disgust at the enormous waste of energy in Federal affairs, and is only too glad to welcome a condition of things that makes sound and steady work possible.

At most points, in fact, the great producing classes stand solidly behind Liberalism. They desire to have no rash experiments in federalism. Labour sees in federation a half-way house to unification, and in unification the possibility of a Labour despotism, which is infinitely remote so long as the States maintain their integrity. But the farmers are shrewd enough to see this danger, and to realise that safety lies in maintaining the dual control, and the dual function of State and Commonwealth. Specially important are the resolutions moved in support of the financial agreement. This agreement, we know, is to be attacked by Labour during the coming campaign, simply because it is a blow to Labour's unification schemes. Nothing is more easy to juggle with than such a matter of finance, and inasmuch as the average elector seldom takes the trouble to reason the thing out for himself, nothing is more likely than that many votes will be recorded in ignorance against the agreement. The value of the farmers' resolutions at this moment lies in opposing to such ignorance and misinstruction a body of belief which must carry great weight, especially in the country electorates. The farmers support the agreement because it is imperative that Federal-State finance should be adjusted on a permanent basis, and because no workable agreement is likely to better what we have, or are about to have, if the arrangement is approved. We shall thus be sure of strong support at this point from the farming community throughout Australia, and perhaps one of the best effects of this will be that Liberal votes on the referendum will be conscientiously recorded. It is absolutely necessary that every Liberal elector should endorse the agreement, especially in view of the efforts Labour will make to destroy it. The farmers moreover realise how essential it is that the Liberal party should present a united front, and how useless are any members of it who prefer private convictions to public necessity where Federal-State finance is concerned. Among other matters we are glad to see that postal administration does not escape criticism, and the resolutions under this head will doubtless help along the great reforms so urgently needed.

The Week in London.—It was still Christmas in London when our special correspondent wrote on December 24 (page 7). The weather was seasonable, but Australians who happened to be there knew of a happier clime at Christmas time. However, the English made the best of their season. The shops were vastly crowded, the streets bright, and all the traditional cheer and charity of the season were abundant.

A Flag Story.—Sir Albert Spicer, in course of his report on the recent commerce congress in Sydney, said:—"No one could travel round the world, as he had done, over a journey of 30,000 miles, and have only once in that journey stepped on what we called foreign territory, and that was at Honolulu in the Hawaiian Islands, without having a different appreciation of the Union Jack—that Union Jack the defence of which cost this country sixty million pounds a year, and which we had paid without a word of complaint. He wished to read one extract from a speech of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, which he made the other day in reply to a representative from one of the French districts, from Jacques Cartier. It was in reply to a member who was, to a certain extent, repudiating the obligation of Canada to take its share in connection with the defence of the Empire. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said: 'I have to say to my hon. friend that I hold in my hand at the present moment a letter which I received a few days ago from a friend who was a visitor in the city of Rome, which letter will show my hon. friend what are our rights and privileges as British subjects. My hon. friend knows that there is in the city of Rome a Canadian College, built a few years ago by priests of the Society of St. Sulpice of Montreal, and maintained by them for the education of young Roman Catholic students in theology. At the date of my friend's letter, on October 16, the city of Rome, like many other cities in continental Europe, was in the throes of a violent emotion, occasioned by the execution of Professor Ferrer, in Barcelona. Riots were imminent at different points of the city. The Spanish Embassy at the Quirinal, the Spanish Embassy at the Vatican, and the Russian Embassy, had to be guarded by strong detachments of the Italian army. Streets and public squares were filled by an infuriated mob, swearing vengeance, yelling and hurling threats at convents and religious communities of all descriptions. My friend asked the reverend father superior of the college if he was apprehensive of danger. Mark the answer. I commend it especially to my hon. friend from Jacques Cartier: 'No,' said the reverend superior, 'I shall hoist the British flag if we are attacked. The British flag is our talisman here.'"

Golden Silence.—In the course of his speech at the Anniversary Regatta luncheon Judge Backhouse touched upon the tendency to make unduly long speeches at social and other functions. He said that the only strike which would have his hearty support was one against long talking, and he expressed his appreciation of the lesson conveyed in the following verse:—"A wise old owl sat on an oak; the more he saw the less he spoke; and the less he spoke the more he heard; why can't you be like this wise bird?" His Honor probably had in his mind's eye the amount of talking, eloquent and otherwise, which he frequently has to endure in his judicial capacity; but whether that was so or not the advice was promptly adopted at the luncheon.

Commercial Congress and Labour Party.—When the Commercial Congress delegates were in Australia they were boycotted by the Labour party, as far as public functions were concerned. Sir Albert Spicer made a delicate reference to the matter in addressing the London Chamber of Commerce, after his return. He said, regarding Labour conciliation, "that Australia had got in legislation much beyond the old country. The system which had been at work in England, and had been successful for the last 18 years, had not been tried in any of the Australian States. They had admitted something far more drastic, but he ventured to think that if English methods of conciliation and the elective panel of employers and the elective panel of employees had been adopted they might in Australia have avoided getting into some of the difficulties which had been the result of their more drastic procedure. There was no doubt a much stronger line of demarcation between the representatives of capital and the representatives of labour in Australia than in Great Britain. He trusted that England might be preserved from having the same condition of things as they had there. It was one of the disappointments of their visit that the Labour party was the only party they did not come officially into touch with. It seemed that they made up their minds at once, having come into collision with some of the gentlemen attending the congress, that they would not in any way receive the delegates. He had the good fortune to come into contact privately with a few of the leaders, and he was only sorry that the Labour party took the view they did, perhaps a little hurriedly, before they knew the manner of men who were visiting Australia at that time. He trusted that this country should never get into the same position. He did not think it should, and he could only now express his regret that, as delegates, they did not come into closer touch with the Labour party in Australia, which occupied a very important position, and would do so in the future."

Girls Lunch in the Street.—A draper in one of the suburbs, incensed at the application of the wages board determination to his business, recently made up his mind to stand strictly on his rights (says the Melbourne "Argus.") It is not written in the bond that he has to provide a room in which his employees may have their lunch, and he has proved impervious to the appeal that it were sweet to do this much for charity. Girls employed there were compelled to eat their lunch in the streets, and they felt very much the indignity to which they were exposed. The facts were brought under the notice of the Premier (Mr. Murray) by an inspector of factories. Mr. Murray describes the action of the employer as beneath contempt. He admits that there is no provision in the law by which such men can be compelled to provide accommodation in this respect, as fortunately no cases of the kind had been previously reported. However, if complaints of the kind were repeated, he would have no hesitation in asking Parliament for an amendment of the law. The Premier is giving consideration to the question of publishing the employer's name in justice to those who carry out the law in the spirit and the letter.

Political Labour League.—The annual conference of the Political Labour League of New South Wales, opened yesterday morning in the Trades Hall, was attended by about 200 delegates, and was presided over by Mr. F. Bryant. The morning and afternoon sessions were occupied by preliminary business, and by consideration of the proposed grouping of motions on the agenda paper. Much time was taken up in the discussion of points of order, and at times the chairman had difficulty in keeping the meeting in hand. A strong desire was shown to review the party selections for the Hunter and South Sydney seats in the House of Representatives, but the chairman declined to allow it, and eventually it was decided to refer back to the executive that portion of the report dealing with Federal elections. The whole of the night session was taken up by debate on a motion on behalf of the Parramatta branch of the P.L.L.—"That this conference is of opinion that the financial proposals of the Federal Government should not be embodied in the Constitution." The motion was supported by Federal Labour members, and was opposed by Mr. Holman, Mr. Dacey, and several other Labour members in the State Parliament. After a spirited debate, the motion was carried on the voices. Mr. Hughes was singled out for a special compliment, apparently intended as an expression of approval of his work in endeavouring to bring the coal strike to an end. When he rose to speak to the Parramatta motion there was a spontaneous outburst of hearty cheering from the crowded assemblage, and it was continued until he had made his way on to the platform. At 10 o'clock the conference adjourned until 7 o'clock this evening.

Complaint against Boy Scouts.—An emphatic letter is written by Harold M. Penn-Bradley, of Hunter's Hill, complaining of the actions of boy scouts. He says the scout movement appeals to him, but he objects to the many annoying pranks and acts of vandalism of the boys. The writer says he has allowed several parties of scouts to land on his ground, and for two months he has been subjected to petty thefts, abusive and vile language, and meaningless destruction of ornamental trees and property. "Boatloads of scouts in uniform may be seen almost every day on the Parramatta River hailing passing steamers with all the vile vocabulary of the gutters." When they are asked to leave private foreshores they assert their right to remain on the ground as they are scouts." The greatest danger to society lies in this very bad method of herding together children of all conditions." The writer suggests numbering the boys' uniforms to permit of identification.

An Enormous Murray Cod.—A monster cod was caught in the Avoca, at the Glenloth weir, by Charles Holmes, of Charlton (says the "Argus.") The lad had hooked a 4lb cod, and while pulling this in a larger fish seized it, and, being unable to release itself, was landed. In its gullet were found an opossum and two birds, and when these had been removed the fish turned the scale at 40lb.

An Australian's Home.—During the business of the Randwick Council meeting on Tuesday night one of the officer's reports contained an item which was interesting from a local government point of view. It mentioned the fact that a resident had constructed a bush-house. This fact was commonplace enough, but the report also mentioned that the citizen who had built the house had used it for bedroom purposes. It was not made altogether clear if the graveness of the charge—if there was a charge—lay in the construction of the house, or in the resident choosing to brave the mosquitos for the sake of a little cool air. One alderman considered that the matter was somewhat trifling. He evidently held the old-fashioned view that the Englishman's home was his castle—and as a matter of course so was an Australian's—so far as his choice of sleeping apartments was concerned. As the officer was only following routine, there was nothing more to be said on the matter, and presumably the unconscious resident will continue to live the simple life until he is thrust out of his shakedown by ordinance so-and-so—should such exist.

Trials of Women Bathers.—A correspondent has approached the Randwick Council on behalf of the women surf-bathers of Coogee. He directs attention to the "great discomfort that was experienced by females surf-bathing at Coogee through the absence of gas lights in the dressing sheds." According to the writer many women provided themselves with candles, and their experience of spluttering candles dropping grease on their garments, and matches that would not light with wet fingers, tended somewhat to discouragement. Incidentally the correspondent remarked that "in the dark, or in such lights as the penny dips afford, it is not always a certain thing that your neighbour is of the same sex, and many say that they don't feel comfortable." Out of the £20,000 which the council received as annual income, some provision might be made, the writer thought, to meet the bathers' requirements in this respect. He further pointed to the state of the roof, which, according to him, was like a sieve, and "if a thunderstorm comes on it is not pleasant to return to the sheds and find that your clothes are under a water spout." The letter concludes: "I feel sure your council is composed of gentlemen too gallant to refuse this the ladies' prayer." The matter was referred to a committee.

Cheap Meat.—There have been sad tales from New Caledonia recently of high prices, due to a prohibitive protectionist policy and a distressful decline in business. The latest report from Noumea, however, tells of a competition in the meat trade, resulting in extraordinarily low prices. Our Noumea correspondent, writing on January 20, says:—"Owing to the competition of cattle owners and the over-production of the colony, from to-day beef is being sold retail at an unprecedented price, about 1 1-10d a pound, or 9s 6d per 100lb. New Caledonia is only three or four days' sail from Sydney. If meat can be retailed at a little over 1d a pound in Noumea, the question is whether its producers could not find a profitable market here.

The Holiday.—Anniversary Day was successfully celebrated yesterday. The Anniversary Regatta was the principal harbour attraction. The A.J.C. Meeting at Randwick drew a large attendance, as did the Druids' gathering on the Agricultural Ground, and the interstate cricket match between Victoria and New South Wales on the Sydney Cricket Ground. Throughout the State the day was a public holiday.

A special service of trams will be run to the Sydney Cricket Ground to-day from Circular Quay and Central Loop (western railway gates) in connection with the New South Wales v Victoria cricket match, commencing at 10.50 a.m.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

PARLIAMENTARY FAREWELL.

A REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The High Commissioner (Sir George Reid) was entertained at a farewell luncheon at Federal Parliament House to-day. The chair was taken by the Prime Minister (Mr. Deakin), who had on his right the guest of the day. At the principal table there were several other members of the Ministry, together with two of Sir George's late colleagues, Sir George Turner and Mr. Allan M'Lean. Owing to most of the members being busy in their constituencies, the attendance was not as large as would otherwise have been the case; but all those who were absent sent letters of apology, expressing their regret at not being able to be present, at the same time wishing Sir George every success in his new office.

The Prime Minister proposed the health of Sir George Reid, and said that they were sending to the country from which sprang constitutional government a representative thoroughly trained in many long brilliant years in constitutional practice. (Hear, hear.) It was a vital consideration in the appointment of the High Commissioner that he should represent and know the Legislature of Australia. In Sir George Reid they had a man who had been brought into close touch with the people of Australia in their public affairs. No man in the whole of Australia had a wider experience of the electors of the Commonwealth than the High Commissioner. They were sending a man who would be able to get the best possible for the Commonwealth, for it was well known that a great deal could be done by a man who was able to drop the stiff official manner, and in Sir George Reid they had secured such a man. (Hear, hear.)

Senator Fraser, the oldest member of the Federal Parliament present, added a few words of tribute, and pointed out that in the gathering there were several members of the Labour party. Was that not a great compliment, he asked. He did not know of any other man in Australia who would be as acceptable all round as their guest.

Mr. Mahon, M.P., as the senior member of the Opposition, said he was sorry to lose Sir George Reid from the House of Representatives. He had nearly always been opposed to his party, but there was nothing vindictive in his opposition. It was all straight, and he never twisted the knife when he got it in. Members of the party were all personally immensely pleased at the honour paid to Sir George Reid. Politically, it was another matter—(laughter)—but he would say that he thought he would be voicing the opinion of the whole House when he said that if the members had been called upon during the last three or four years to elect a High Commissioner they would have unanimously elected Sir George Reid. (Hear, hear.) He was sure that Sir George would always keep Australia to the front, even if he never opened his mouth. His charming personality and genial disposition would be a wonderful advertisement for the Commonwealth. (Hear, hear.)

Sir George Turner thought that he was voicing the opinion of the people of Australia when he said that the choice of the Government had been the choice of the people of the Commonwealth; and, while he congratulated Sir George Reid, he thought he must also congratulate the people of Australia in having secured the services of such a man. (Hear, hear.)

The health of Sir George Reid was drunk with musical honours. Cheers were also given for Lady Reid.

Sir George Reid, who received a hearty reception, briefly responded. He said that it hurt him to leave his old colleagues and opponents, but he looked forward to doing good work for the Commonwealth in the mother country. He was going to play the part of a pioneer. He was going to lay the foundations for a great institution. Good foundations could only be laid by solid, honest, and faithful work, and he hoped his friends would not be disappointed if he devoted himself too much to such duties. In conclusion, he expressed the opinion that the farewell given him by the members of Federal Parliament was a fitting crown to the demonstrations that had been made in his honour.

Subsequently, Sir George Reid left by the express to catch the Orvieto at Adelaide. There were a number of people at the station to see the High Commissioner off, and when the train drew out he was given three cheers.

PERSONAL.

Among the passengers on the steamer Eastern, which arrived at Sydney yesterday, was Colonel Foster, Director of Military Science at the Sydney University, who has returned from a vacation trip to Hongkong, via Singapore and Java. As it was purely a holiday jaunt, which he had enjoyed immensely, the colonel eschewed "work" to the last by declining to be interviewed. He was, however, much interested as to how Lord Kitchener had been received, and what facilities had been given him to judge of the defence potentialities of the Commonwealth; and confessed to some eagerness to know what the great soldier is likely to say about us. Colonel Foster was in Java when Lord Kitchener passed through. "He was very well received," he said. "The Dutch were very civil to him." Mrs. Foster accompanied the colonel on his trip, but left him at Port Darwin on her way to Europe. Colonel Foster will go on to Melbourne on the Eastern, having some weeks of vacation still available.

Mr. R. M. Fitzgerald, one of the oldest pastoralists in the State, died at Sydney on Monday, aged 74 years. A son of the late Mr. Robert Fitzgerald, who was a celebrated horse breeder, Mr. Fitzgerald was a native of the third generation, his grandfather owning Taraman station, on Liverpool Plains, and Midkin station, on the Gwydir. The remains were interred in the Church of England section of the Balmain Cemetery, Leichhardt.

At the regatta luncheon yesterday Judge Backhouse, who proposed "The Day We Celebrate," referred with regret to the deaths of Captain Charles, M.L.C., who had been identified with aquatic sports almost from their initiation; and the late Mr. Samuel Hordern, who had always shown his practical interest in everything that appertained to the promotion of sailing, rowing, and other healthy forms of recreation and amusement.

Mr. George Butterfield, who died at Marrickville on Monday, landed in Sydney in 1854, and after serving several years with Messrs. Gilchrist, Watt, and Co., followed the occupation of tutor, being at one time a master at Newington College. Subsequently he entered the Public Service as a draftsman in the Lands Department, but resigned to enter into private business. Deceased was well known in astronomical circles. He was nearly 69 years of age, and leaves a widow, four sons, and one daughter.

THE FLOOD.

WALGETT SAFE.

WATER STATIONARY.

SURROUNDING COUNTRY STILL COVERED.

"WANDERING JEW" ARRIVES.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

WALGETT, Wednesday.

Walgett after all will escape inundation. The river, after persistently rising for days, is now stationary, and this is taken as an indication that the bulk of the flood waters have reached the town, and spread over the country. The flood waters here and there are lapping greedily against the embankment, and for some distance along unprotected streets, but the current is perceptibly weaker. The principal public and commercial buildings will suffer no damage. The call, however, was exceedingly close—in fact, the margin between salvation and desolation is almost imperceptible. Walgett is not likely to forget in a hurry the ordeal through which it has just passed. When the flood waters were approaching, many took the threatening danger lightheartedly. These optimists boldly asserted their intention of drinking all the water that came into the town. Before many days had elapsed, however, they had changed their minds, and instead, were more profitably employed in removing their furniture to a place of safety. The tension, however, is now over. Instead of looks of grave anxiety, and the ever-recurring question of "Looks serious, doesn't it?" there is to-day a note of relief in the town, and apprehensions have given place to jubilation.

GREAT DAMAGE AVERTED.

This fear of the flood sweeping over the town can be quite understood when one is acquainted with local conditions. Any current at all rushing through the streets would play havoc with the houses, particularly the brick structures. Here it is impossible to get a solid foundation for buildings, whatever depth one goes. The result is that the walls crack and gap, the plaster falls, and buildings are constantly needing attention. A flood would intensify this terror tenfold, as the glutinous soil, under prolonged soakage, becomes as pliable putty. It was imperative, therefore, to keep the flood waters back at any cost, and hence the construction of the solid watertight embankment. In several places the water came right up to the bagged wall, but it got no further. Instead of six inches of water, it would have kept out 6ft of water if required—in fact, where encroachments were most feared, the wall would have kept out a regiment of soldiers. The overflow from the Namoi has fully tested it, and proved its value. Now those who were scoffers are admirers, and the great probability is that in the future, whenever another devastation threatens Walgett will not be without its embankment, if the impending flood will only give it time to construct one.

HOW SETTLERS ARE FARING.

The wooded clumps and great over-prairies of the north-west are still under water. Here and there is a gentle rise with sheep crowded on it, and incidentally all the vermin to be found in the Australian bush. The trees sticking out of the water are similarly covered with a multitude of insect life. Spiders of all descriptions, centipedes, lizards, snakes, and millions of ants have all taken refuge in the same places, and are friends in distress. As a rowing boat brushes through the branches there is a deluge of creeping things from above, and the blue bag or a drop of ammonia is an indispensible travelling companion.

Six rowing boats now on duty were cruising about the district to-day, visiting settlers' homes and attending to their requirements. All houses along the river frontage have long since been deserted, but those on the flats are still the headquarters of the family. Those who have not constructed embankments are paddling about the floors of the house, over which there may be anything from a few inches to a foot or two of water. Notwithstanding the discomfort of those living under these conditions, the settlers are looking on the flood as a blessing in disguise, especially those who have sent their sheep beyond the reach of the flood. The greatest annoyance people have appears to be the universal one, that is, persistence of insects to crawl over one.

FOOD SUPPLY REPLENISHED.

Settlers spoken to stated that the water is slowly receding, and they expect to see the last of it by the end of the week. Although the water is apparently getting away, the country is still completely covered by a few inches to the depth of a swim, and one can row for miles without catching sight of dry land. This great body of water is slowly running forward over the country. While it is receding here reports register a rise many miles to the southward. The water is moving to the Castlereagh. The coach from Coonamble struggled for 10 miles through this sea, and then had to turn back. The river steamer Wandering Jew arrived here to-day, much to the relief of townspeople. The boat has on board some 26 tons of foodstuffs to replenish exhausted supplies here. Captain White, who is in charge, has been on the river for over 30 years, and has had an acquaintance with many floods. He describes the present one as "a fair terror," and during the trip from Brewarrina he had sufficient excitement to last him for many years to come. The steamer on arrival was covered with branches of trees. "We had to cut our way through the trees, as the branches were dragging in the water." The current headed was too furious in the main channel, so the vessel skirted the banks. At Dangar Bridge there was too much water for the steamer to pass under the spans. The captain, however, did not trouble about this small item. He steamed around the side. No sooner was the vessel moored than the goods were being transhipped to drays, and the men at private houses and commercial hotels showed a little more activity than they had for a week past.

MISSING RELIEF BOAT ARRIVES.

The relief boat from Wee Waa, in which were Messrs. Jas. Jennings, W. Risby, and H. Scott, put in an appearance to-day, after a six-days' journey, during which 300 miles were covered. They describe the trip as a most eventful one. It was quite impossible for them to make any great headway, as the boat was so big and cumbersome, and they possessed long sweeps instead of oars. These prevented the boat going through thick timber, and in the main channel they caught in the branches and whirled the boat round. In this way they were nearly capsized several times. Once the boat dashed into the fork of a tree and lodged there, partly submerged. Seven hours were occupied in cutting down the tree and extricating the boat, and the party commenced to doubt whether they would ever reach Walgett. Then, again, trouble came in taking a short cut overland. After proceeding 15 miles the party became stranded, and had to row the whole distance back against the current to join the river once more. The party had to sleep in the boat the whole six nights. Several days they were entirely out of sight of land. The men state that at night they were terribly tormented by mosquitoes, and in tying the boat up care had to be exercised to see that the mooring line was in the water, as this was the only way to keep the insects on the trees from crawling into the boat. The three men were quite "done" when they reached Walgett, and they state that they would never undertake a similar journey again in such an unmanageable boat.

TOWN STILL ISOLATED.

Walgett is still without any news of the doings of the outside world. It is close upon a fortnight since the last mail from Sydney reached here, and, as a consequence, all business is at a complete standstill. Several attempts have been made to get a mail via Coonamble, and boats have gone a considerable way out to try to pick up the coach. A mail was due yesterday, but it failed to put in an appearance, and information just to hand is that the coach, after proceeding some distance through water, had to return. Efforts are also being made to get postal matter through by trolly from Narrabri, but so far without success. The town, therefore, could not be more isolated if it were in a state of siege.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES SCARCE.

The flood has been responsible for ruining a large Chinese fruit and vegetable garden on the banks of the Namoi. The result is Walgett has to fall back on what potatoes and onions are left in the stores. The Chinese became greatly excited as the garden disappeared under the water. They, however, were not to be outdone, and hurriedly constructed a rude craft, with which to grope under the water for anything in the way of cabbage, pumpkin, and marrow. The boat was most peculiarly built. When it was launched the water fairly squirted through the cracks. Perceiving this, there was another babel of excited tongues, and eventually a paste made from flour and water was poured into the structure, but it is still waterlogged.

The Namoi to-night was 32ft 3in, stationary, and the Barwon, 42ft 7in (approximately), and still rising.

GOODOOGA SAFE.

GOODOOGA, Wednesday.

The Culgoa River is a banker at Brenda Crossing. The Biree was a banker at Goodooga on Wednesday. The Bokhara flood water reaches here on Wednesday night. There is not much indication of a serious flood at present.

TAMWORTH LOOKING AHEAD.

TAMWORTH, Wednesday.

At last night's municipal council's meeting the Mayor's minute was adopted requesting the works committee of the council to investigate and report as to the best means of preventing flood waters entering the town. It was also decided to ask for an expert officer of the Works Department to visit Tamworth and suggest the best practical scheme. It is stated that the water supply is in a serious condition. The pipes burst several times during the flood, and the town was without a supply for four days, when the water was specially wanted for cleansing operations. The pipes in their present state cannot stand much pressure.

The general opinion is that an embankment is the only means of preventing flood waters reaching the town.

REPORTS TO INSPECTOR-GENERAL.

The following telegrams were received by the Inspector-General of Police yesterday:—

"Bourke.—Flood waters still satisfactory. Walgett River rising slowly. Much loss of stock not anticipated."

"Walgett.—Barwon 42ft 2in, and rising. Water up to the embankment. One corner of embankment safe."

"Bourke.—The aborigines at Walgett have been removed to Comborra for safety. No rations there until return." Mr. Garvin telegraphed in reply authorising the issue of rations to the blacks while they are at Comborra.

It was reported to the Inspector-General by the member for the district that a boat was required at Louth, about 60 miles below Bourke, and before acting on this suggestion Mr. Garvin sent the following telegram to the officer in charge of police at Bourke:—"Is there any necessity to send a boat to Louth on account of the flood; if so, can one be sent from Bourke?"

BREWARRINA-WALGETT MAILS.

RIVER SERVICE DECLINED.

BREWARRINA, Wednesday.

Messrs. Martin and Johnson, who proposed to run a bi-weekly river mail service from Brewarrina to Walgett, state that the Postal Department has declined the offer. The advantages of such a service are apparent when it is considered that no mails have been either received or despatched from that district for well-nigh a fortnight. The firm offered very reasonable terms that would hardly pay working expenses—when the distance by water to Walgett is set down as 300 miles—viz., £25 per week, with a proviso to carry mails irrespective of weight. It is declined on the grounds of excessive charge. "This is very disappointing to residents and others concerned along the river."

The flood waters are expected to reach Brewarrina in 10 days' time, but no serious danger is anticipated with the present river readings. All stock have been removed from low-lying country. Settlers are quite prepared for emergencies.

The Barwon at Brewarrina is now running half a banker. The Bogan is flowing into the Darling six feet high, and rising slowly. The Culgoa continues to rise slowly on the border, and is now running a banker for hundreds of miles.

The captain of the steamer Advance passed the Macquarie debouchure on Sunday morning, and stated that the stream was a rushing torrent. There is a greater volume of flood waters flowing in from the Castlereagh and Macquarie than expected.

BELATED MAILS ARRIVE.

The following mails delayed by the floods were received at Sydney yesterday:—Collarenebri, dated Jan. 16; Come by Chance, dated Jan. 12; Mogil Mogil, dated Jan. 14; and Pilliga, dated Jan. 14.

DEMAND FOR FENCERS.

SCARCITY OF LABOUR.

MOREE, Wednesday.

The Flood Relief Fund was augmented yesterday by £100 from the city fund, and £20 from Mr. John Norton, M.L.A.

Great difficulty is experienced in obtaining fencers, the whole country from Bingara to Moree being practically one paddock. One station alone has 110 miles of fencing laid flat or washed away. The best men have been absorbed about the town at high wages. Labourers will not go into the country at present. Men handy with an axe and shovel are in great demand.

DISASTER RELIEF FUND.

Amount already acknowledged		£1693 9 10
James Caddy	£2 2 0	
John Fairfax and Sons, "Sydney Morning Herald"	105 0 0	
Emily Gilfillan	1 1 0	
C. A. Dunsmell	1 1 0	
Dr. O. H. Hyman	1 1 0	
Miss Rose Scott	2 0 0	
F. Amphlett	1 1 0	
A. S. Jaques	5 0 0	
Hardy Brothers	25 0 0	
		143 6 0
Total		£1836 15 10

BLASTING ACCIDENT.

WORKMAN'S TERRIBLE INJURIES.

BLOWN HIGH IN THE AIR.

DUNGOG, Wednesday.

A serious blasting accident occurred on the first section of the North Coast railway yesterday. It appears while a workman named Robinson was engaged charging a hole for blasting in a cutting on Wira-Gulla Estate, near Mrs. J. K. Mackay's residence, Cangon, a piece of rock fell into the hole, blocking it up. The hole contained half a charge, and Robinson with a drill and a ganger named Sharp with a hammer proceeded to drill the stone out, but the charge suddenly exploded, with the result that Robinson was thrown high in the air, sustaining terrible injuries. Sharp was also badly injured. Medical aid was summoned.

Both men were removed to Dungog Hospital, where it was found that the skin of Robinson's right hand had been torn to shreds. One arm was filled with stone and gravel. The left hand was severely injured, with a big hole in the wrist, his face studded with small stones, and although the eyes are seriously injured the doctor thinks the sight may be saved. He also received dislocation of the ankle and a deep cut on the top of the head. He is suffering severely from shock.

Sharp escaped the full force of the explosion, but received a nasty cut on the eyebrow, which necessitated several stitches. His lip is also cut through, and the arms studded with stones.

Just before the explosion occurred the ganger instructed the other workmen to move from the place where the accident happened.

GLENELG SHOOTING CASE.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Owing to the serious condition of Edmund D. Davis, the victim of the Glenelg shooting case, Mr. Gordon, S.M., established a court at the Adelaide Hospital on Wednesday. Harry Bachmann was charged with having shot with intent to murder. Davis said Bachmann was like the man who shot him. After one shot had been fired he rushed at accused with a stick, and then the latter fired. In cross-examination by Mr. Anderson, Davis said he was often about the sandhills, and went rabbiting at times. On his doctor's advice the cross-examination was discontinued, and accused was remanded until February 1.

TO-DAY.

Mass Band Performance: Manly Oval, 8.
Theatre Royal: "The Lion and the Mouse," 8.
Criterion Theatre: "The Girl Behind the Counter," 8.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "The Merry Widow," 8.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 8.
National Amphitheatre: Vaudeville, 8.
Glaciarium: West's Pictures, 8.
Zoological Gardens and Aquarium: 10.
Bijou Theatre: Moving Pictures, 8.
Spencer's Theatrescope: Lyceum, 8.
Maori Village: Clontarf, 2 to 10.
Palace: "A Bachelor's Honeymoon," 8.
Clay's Vaudeville: Town Hall, Ashfield, 8.
Sacco Homan: 232 Pitt-street, 8.30.
Victoria v N.S.W.: Cricket Ground, 12.
Senator Gray: St. Thomas' Hall, Rozelle, 8.
Barnardo's Boys: Waverley Methodist Church, 8.
S. L. Cole: Federal Politics, Glebe Town Hall, 8.
H. E. Pratten: Federal Politics, Congregational School Hall, Croydon, 8.
Dental Association: Royal Society's House, 8.
G.U.O.O.F.: 238 Castlereagh-street, 7.45.

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BRITISH ELECTIONS.

UNIONISTS CAPTURE NINE.

TWO LIBERAL GAINS.

SNOW HINDERS VOTERS.

LONDON, Jan. 26.

Unionists again yesterday polled the strongest party, returning 17 members, as against 12 Liberals, 3 Labour, and 2 Nationalists. Unionists gained largely, too, capturing 8 seats from the Liberals and one from the Nationalists. Liberals captured two seats from the Unionists.

Results to date are:—

Position of Parties:

LIBERALS	215
LABOUR	36
	251
NATIONALISTS	70
UNIONISTS	238
Elected	559
To be elected	111
Total	670

GAINS.

Liberals	17
Unionists	112
Labour	3

THE POLLING.

PARTIES UNCHANGED.

INCE (LANCS. S.W.).	
*S. WALSH (Lab.)	7723
Lord	5023
ANDOVER (HANTS).	
*Captain W. V. FABER (U.)	6127
Hon. P. Wodehouse (L.)	3723
LONDONDERRY SOUTH.	
*JOHN GORDON (U.)	3895
S. R. Keighley (L.)	3678
CORK COUNTY, S.E.	
*EUGENE CREAN (I.N.)	2300
Burke (U.)	1757
WORCESTERSHIRE E.	
*J. AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN (U.)	12,644
Young (L.)	6,955
CORK COUNTY (MID.).	
*DANIEL DANIEL SHEEHAN (I.N.)	2824
Fallon (N.)	1999
GLAMORGAN (EASTERN).	
*Sir ALFRED THOMAS (L.)	14,721
Gaskell (U.)	5,727
NORMANTON (YORK., W. R.).	
*F. HALL (Lab.)	9172
Ellis Ashmead Bartlett (U.)	3540
PARTICK (LANARK).	
*R. BALFOUR (L.)	10,093
Maconochie (U.)	9,522
ILKESTON (DERBY).	
*Sir WALTER FOSTER (L.)	10,632
Morrow (U.)	6,432
CHICHESTER (SUSSEX).	
*Lord EDMUND TALBOT (U.)	6589
Thomas Reiss (U.)	3338
LICHFIELD (STAFFORD).	
*THOMAS C. T. WARNER (L.)	5220
Coates (U.)	4253
ROSS (HEREFORD).	
*Captain PERCY A. CLIVE (U.)	5073
Webb (L.)	4678
EPPING (ESSEX).	
*Lieut.-Col. A. R. M. LOCKWOOD (U.)	6578
Symmons (L.)	3845
BLACKPOOL (LANCASTER N.).	
*W. W. ASHLEY (U.)	11,567
Hodgkinson (L.)	7,942
WELLINGTON (SOMERSET).	
*Sir A. F. ACLAND HOOD (U.)	5216
King (L.)	4150
MORLEY (YORK., W. R.).	
FRANCE (L.)	8026
Charlesworth (U.)	3395
Herbert Smith (Lab.)	2192
LOUGHBOROUGH (LEICESTER).	
*Sir MAURICE LEVY (L.)	6760
Corington (U.)	6007
STIRLING BURGHS.	
*ARTHUR A. W. H. PONSONBY (L.)	4471
Cochrane-Gatrick (U.)	2418
MONMOUTH WEST.	
*TOM RICHARDS (Lab.)	13,295
Cameron (U.)	3,045
WELLINGTON (SALOP.)	
*C. S. HENRY (L.)	4673
Wood (U.)	3484
ST. AUSTELL (CORNWALL).	
*Hon. T. AGAR-ROBARTES (L.)	6225
Bernard (U.)	3138

LIBERAL GAINS.

GOVAN (LANARK).	
HUNTER (L.)	6556
*R. Duncan (U.)	5127
Brownlie (Lab.)	3545
LANARK NORTH-WEST.	
PRINGLE (L.)	8422
*W. Mitchell-Thomson (U.)	7528
Small (Lab.)	1718

UNIONIST GAINS.

MALDON (ESSEX).	
FLANNERY (U.)	6691
*T. R. Bethell (L.)	4822
BANBURY (OXFORD).	
Captain R. BRASSEY (U.)	3831
Hon. Eustace E. Fiennes	3516
TYRONE (MID.).	
BRUNSKILL (U.)	2475
Valentine (N.)	2070
*G. Murnaghan (N.)	124
RENFREW EAST.	
GILMOUR (U.)	9645
*Sir R. Laidlaw (L.)	8771
BASSETLAW (NOTTS.).	
WILLIAMS (U.)	5631
*F. H. Newnes (L.)	5290
CRICKLADE (WILTS).	
CULLEY (U.)	7389
*John Massey (L.)	6754
REIGATE (SURREY).	
Lieut.-Col. R. H. RAWSON (U.)	8330
*H. C. Brodie (L.)	5715
NEWMARKET (CAMBS).	
R. H. VERRALL (U.)	4752
*Sir Charles Rose (L.)	4632
EGREMONT (CUMBERLAND).	
J. A. GRANT (U.)	4060
*H. Fullerton (L.)	3949

REFORM OF THE LORDS.

UNIONISTS WILL CO-OPERATE.

LONDON, Jan. 26.

The "Times," writing of the position of parties, states:—"Mr. Asquith, the Prime Minister, is in no position to carry out a great constitutional change by main force; but the Unionists are ready for a reasonable reform of the House of Lords if it is effected by consent. It is not beyond the wit of man to devise legislation which will secure to the Commons full power of finance, but which, at the same time, will exclude the possibility of tacking."

The "Birmingham Post" urges all advocates of the two-chamber system to unite upon an alternative scheme for the reconstruction of the House of Lords.

NO COMPROMISE.

MR. LLOYD-GEORGE STANCH.

Mr. Lloyd-George, speaking at Stourbridge, said: "There must be no paltering about a settlement. The swinging majorities of the west and north favour a strong and unflinching policy.

"It is perfectly certain that if the Liberals listen to counsels of timidity and faintness the great democracy will become disgusted, and will abandon the Government."

SNOWSTORMS IN SCOTLAND.

INTERFERE WITH POLLING.

Heavy snowstorms are reported from Scotland. Many voters in East Lothian were unable to poll, and vehicles used by the two parties were stuck in the snowdrifts.

THROUGH THE SNOW.

MR. ASQUITH'S MOTOR JOURNEY.

Despite the snowstorms, Mr. Asquith motored through East Fife yesterday on brief visits to the polling stations in order to thank his supporters.

The women suffragists made an active appeal to voters to reject Mr. Asquith.

ELECTION NOTES.

THE ALTERNATIVE GOVERNMENT.

The returns which came to hand last night brought the Unionists along quicker than any previous day's results during the elections. Out of only 35 seats polled they won eight seats which were previously held by Liberals, and one which was held by a Nationalist; and they lost only two. The Nationalist seat was gained by the Conservatives through one Nationalist opposing another.

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The result is that 559 seats have been polled. Of these the Liberals have 215, and Labour 36—251 altogether; the Conservatives have 238. Without the Nationalists the Liberals have a majority over the Conservatives of 13. Of the 111 seats which remain to be polled 59 were held in the last Parliament by Liberals, 15 by Labour, 12 by Nationalists, and 25 by Conservatives. The Conservatives have so far won over to their side exactly 17 per cent. of the constituencies. If they keep this up to the end they will win 15 more Liberal seats; and in that case of the remaining seats the Liberals and Labour will get 56, Conservatives 43, and Nationalists 12. That will make the parties in the new Parliament as follows:—Liberals and Labour, 307; Conservatives, 281; Nationalists, 82. The Liberals would have a majority of 26 if no Nationalists voted against them with which to carry through their reforms. In to-day's cables Mr. Lloyd-George says they will attempt it. Mr. Winston Churchill has said the same. Mr. Asquith has seemed doubtful. That seems to foreshadow something of a split in the Cabinet.

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If there is an early split in the Cabinet or defeat in the House, Mr. Balfour might be sent for to form a Cabinet before another general election. The one remaining certain member of that Cabinet has just been elected—Mr. Austen Chamberlain.

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Mr. Austen Chamberlain has been returned for E. Worcestershire by a majority of nearly 6000 votes. His father, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, voted for him. Mr. Austen Chamberlain—as far as the eyeglass, and the grey frock coat, and the orchid buttonhole are concerned—is almost the exact counterpart of his father. The resemblance, his enemies say, ends there. When he first entered the House all that was known of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain to most old Tory members at that time was that he was a pushing mob orator, who, as Mayor of Birmingham, had managed to entertain the Prince and Princess of Wales without actually eating peas with his knife, and when they saw this pale, scrupulously dressed young man rise and make a quiet, forcible maiden speech the old Tory members nearly fell flat. From that day out Mr. Chamberlain's personal appearance was known to every man in England, and it has probably been a great advantage to his son that he is so like him. But Austen Chamberlain, though he is a cultured University man, which his father never was, and has a great capacity for business and clear thinking, has one great disadvantage in politics. He stutters. His father was, excluding no one, unless it be Sir W. Harcourt, the finest debater in the House. Austen Chamberlain can never be that. "He is not enlivening. When he rises to speak, especially when he follows a Minister on the other side, he conveys the impression that he has got a distant glimpse of a point which he desires himself to make, and is most anxious that the House shall see it too. . . These elaborate preparations for chasing a little bird out of a big bush—how different they are from his father's methods. Mr. Joseph Chamberlain's absence from Parliament has incalculably weakened the front Opposition bench."

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Mr. Joseph Chamberlain has the greatest admiration for his son's ability. And Mr. Gladstone—whom Mr. J. Chamberlain politically ruined—broke off his argument in a speech to compliment Austen Chamberlain on his maiden speech in the House. Austen Chamberlain is sensitively loyal to his father. When he thought once that Sir Henry Lucy had accused his father of allowing personal ambition to affect him, Austen took the step of writing to him in defence of his father.

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"I admit I have sometimes thought, on reading your lines hot from the press, that you lent some countenance to the stories that my father was actuated by personal ambitions, or personal antipathies, of a mean and petty nature, which I know (underlined) have never entered his head. . . My father may be right or wrong, but I think those who have known him as you have done will never deny his intense seriousness, or his utter disregard of his own personal convenience or advantage when thinking of what he owes to his colleagues or his country. If he had been less loyal to colleagues with whose views and policy he was not always in sympathy in 1880-5, his critics of to-day would find fewer quotations from his old speeches to hurl at him." That is the letter which the Postmaster-General of England wrote in defence of his father—the great Colonial Secretary—to the Parliamentary representative of "Punch." It may or may not have been a wise thing to do. But it is one of the finest tributes ever paid to Mr. Chamberlain; and it does not make one like the son any less.

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Another Conservative leader—a junior—who has been returned is Lord Edmund Talbot, an ex-Lord of the Treasury. A rather scathing article in a recent review says of him:—"He has a certain status as a leader of the English Catholics; but this is derived as much from his relationship to the Duke of Norfolk as through his own merits. During the education debates his chief contribution took the form of somewhat provocative interruptions."

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If the Unionists are likely to be called on to form a Cabinet, it is perhaps interesting to know that the whole of the chief members of their late Cabinet have now been elected, Mr. Austen Chamberlain is the last. There is only one notable exception—who is referred to below. The Unionist Cabinet was remarkable for having a very strong head and a very weak tail. Lord Edmund Talbot was a typical member of the tail. The head were generally known as "the old gang"—Mr. Balfour a head and shoulders above the rest, with Messrs. Walter Long, George Wyndham, Alfred Lyttleton, Austen Chamberlain, and Sir E. Carson following at a respectful distance. There is also Mr. Bonar Law—a vigorous coming man, who has come a little late (he is 51).

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The Conservatives have their new-century politician, too. He is a young man, only 37, and he comes in some ways close to Mr. Lloyd-George and Mr. Churchill. He will probably be well enough known some day. This is Mr. F. E. Smith, a barrister on the Liverpool circuit. He has not been in the Ministry so far, but he is said to be almost certain of a portfolio in the next Conservative Government. A recent article, which bewailed the dreary want of vigour amongst the younger Conservatives, said:—"Mr. F. E. Smith has unlimited audacity of the sort that brought Mr. Churchill and Mr. Lloyd-George into prominence. He has often spoken, and is the most promising recruit on the Unionist side; and his earliest performances in the House aroused great interest and hope." He put some "devil" into the talk on the Licensing Bill—the article says—though he is too legal to be strictly a powerful speaker.

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The Conservative whips are also all in—Sir Alexander Acland-Hood, who has just been elected for Somerset, being the latest of them. The article above quoted has a little to say for the whips. "The slashing rhetoric of Sir Alexander Acland-Hood," it says, "is reserved for farmers' ordinaries in the West of England. Lord Valentia (Oxford) is one of the few surviving representatives of the old-fashioned Tory and landed interest type. Mr. Pike Pease (Darlington) hardly ever quits the safety of silence." So that on the whole it will be interesting (if the Liberals are defeated soon after Parliament sits, and Mr. Balfour is asked to form a Government) to see whether Mr. Balfour will be able to bring in a strong contingent of entirely new blood to back up "the old gang."

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There is one fairly prominent Conservative Minister who has not stood for re-election—who has probably disappeared from politics for good. It was not expected that he would stand, because his health is not strong. This is Mr. Gerald Balfour. Mr. Gerald Balfour is a younger brother of Mr. A. J. Balfour. Mr. A. J. Balfour is 61; Mr. Gerald Balfour is 56. Mr. Gerald Balfour is a distinguished scholar, like all his brothers, of whom the most brilliant was probably one who died as a young scientist at Cambridge. Mr. Gerald Balfour is a "don" of Trinity College, Cambridge—and as he was always a scholar rather than a business man, people were perplexed to know why he was made President of the Board of Trade. The explanation was really that the Duke of Devonshire had turned obstinate. Gerald Balfour had been Irish Secretary, and had, after honest endeavours to kill Home Rule with kindness, confessed himself beaten. He was delicate and worn out. The Duke of Devonshire, who was then at the Education Office, had a little before given a broad public hint that he meant to retire. This place was exactly the one for Gerald Balfour, and so the Duke was confidentially approached. It was suggested to him that he had earned a rest after a life of arduous public service, and that he could now take it. The Duke proved unexpectedly obstinate. He wouldn't go. The only way to find a place for Gerald Balfour was to promote Mr. Ritchie to the Home Office from the Board of Trade. That is how Gerald Balfour is said to have come by the Board of Trade.

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The one younger Conservative of whom the very pessimistic article quoted above speaks with unstinted admiration—has been defeated. That man's name would come as a surprise to Australians—Lord Robert Cecil. It was expected that he might not be supported by the Unionists because of his loyalty to free-trade. And that is exactly what happened. His own constituency (Marylebone E.) would have nothing to do with a freetrader, and he had to stand in a strong Liberal centre—Blackburn. The writer says of him: "Those who are closely concerned for the triumph of the Unionist cause count it not less than a disaster that Lord Robert Cecil should be threatened with exclusion—not only from the next Ministry, but even from the next Parliament, because of his opposition to Tariff Reform. A party so lacking good men cannot afford to lose one of the very best." It is a very remarkable thing that the Cecil family contains such a number of undoubtedly able men. Their prominence is partly due to their name. But it is beyond all doubt that they have the brains and the character as well.

FLOODS IN FRANCE.

TOWNS IN DANGER.

TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE THREATENED.

"APACHES" LOOTING.

LONDON, Jan. 26.

The floods in France have not abated.

The Seine is swollen to double its usual width, and has risen another 18 inches.

Hundreds of thousands of Parisians are thronging the quays to watch the carcases of cattle and horses, broken pontoons, boats, and washhouses in the swirling torrent.

Preparations have been made to dynamite the Pont de l'Alma, the water having nearly reached the keystone.

At Auteuil 1700 people are homeless. The remainder are staying in their houses, and are being fed by boats. Armed police patrol the district in boats in order to prevent Apaches, who pretend to be engaged in life-saving, from looting the deserted residences.

Owing to the flooding of the Marne, there is 14ft of water covering Alfort. Three thousand people have been rescued from their homes in this town, but 10,000 are still in danger.

NEW HUNGARIAN CABINET.

A NOISY RECEPTION.

LONDON, Jan. 26.

Count Khuen Hedervary has formed a Cabinet in Hungary, and he will appeal to the country if the Chamber of Deputies does not support him.

When the names of the Cabinet were announced the majority of the Chamber received Count Khuen with noisy hostility and denounced the members as "imperial lacqueys."

Count Khuen Hedervary was formerly Ban of Croatia. He was Premier of Hungary for ten weeks from June to August in 1903, but was forced to resign, owing to the obstructionist tactics of the Independence party. In a few weeks he again assumed office, but finally resigned in October of the same year. Now he again confronts the Independence party, but he has pitted against him a new leader, M. de Justh, instead of M. Kossuth.

MR. SALTING'S WILL.

ESTATE OVER A MILLION AND A QUARTER.

LONDON, Jan. 26.

The personality of the late Mr. George Salting, who had large interests in Australia, has been sworn at £1,287,906.

In his will, which was made in 1889, he bequeathed £10,000 to London hospitals, £2000 to the Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, as well as £30,000 to various relatives and friends. The residuary estate was left to a brother, since deceased, and apparently it now devolves upon his niece, Catharine Lady Binning.

The death duties to be paid amount to £280,000.

WORK AT KRUPP'S.

MR. BLATCHFORD'S FIGURES.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

In answer to Mr. Blatchford's quotation from the "Daily Chronicle" of March last as to the number of men employed on armaments at Krupp's in March last, the "Chronicle" states that the figures then (March 20) were not editorial, but were extracted from a correspondent's contributions, and, adds: "The 'Chronicle' is officially informed that Krupp's in the closing month of 1909 employed 31,000, but Essen is the only works where guns are made."

Mr. Blatchford, replying to the statement in the "Daily Chronicle" that only 5000 men are employed on armaments at Krupp's, quotes an article of the "Chronicle," of March 20, stating that Krupp's in 1907 employed 64,350 hands, and that they had since secretly raised £2,000,000 for the purpose of increasing the manufacture of guns, gun-mountings, and armour-plates.

THE TARIFF WAR.

DEMANDS OF THE UNITED STATES.

MOST FAVOURED NATION TREATMENT.

GERMANY'S CONDITIONS.

LONDON, Jan. 26.

The Washington correspondent of the "Morning Post" telegraphs that the real difficulty between the United States and Germany in regard to the tariff dispute is not the admission of American meat into Germany, but the demand of the United States Government for most favoured nation treatment. If this demand is not granted the maximum tariff will be enforced against Germany.

Germany has replied that she is willing to grant most favoured nation treatment provided that the United States by treaty defines the duties payable upon German importations.

The United States Government disapproves of a treaty being concluded, because its ratification would reopen the tariff question.

ANARCHY IN INDIA.

VICEROY'S PATIENCE EXHAUSTED

STRINGENT NEWSPAPER ACT.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

The Earl of Minto, Viceroy of India, in a speech before the Legislative Council of Calcutta, alluded to the murder of Detective Inspector Shamsulalam, Mohammedan Inspector of Detectives, and to the seditious movement generally. In the course of his remarks he said: "We have tolerated revolutionary literature too long out of chivalrous unwillingness to interfere with freedom of speech. We are now determined to bridle that license."

The Viceroy's remarks were heartily cheered from the public and press galleries—a thing unprecedented.

The speech foreshadows the introduction of a stringent Press Act.

IDENTITY OF THE MURDERER.

LONDON, Jan. 26.

The murder of Shamsulalam, Mahommedan inspector of detectives at Calcutta, has been identified as Birendranath Sen Gupta, who belongs to a respectable family of Dekka.

THE TURKISH PARLIAMENT.

PATRIOTIC PRINCESS.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

The Princess Nazimeh, daughter of the ex-Sultan, Abdul Aziz, has offered her palace at Constantinople for the Turkish Parliament to transact its business in owing to the destruction of the Parliamentary buildings by fire.

The Chamber of Deputies has accepted the offer.

H.M.S. INVINCIBLE.

TWELVE-INCH GUNS USELESS.

LONDON, Jan. 26.

Lord Charles Beresford, in the course of a speech at Dartford, said that H.M.S. Invincible, armoured cruiser, 17,250 tons, which was commissioned in March, has never been able to fire her 12-inch guns.

If war threatened, Lord Charles Beresford said, the Invincible would be ordered into dock, and her crew transferred to another ship.

TEST CRICKET.

ENGLAND v SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, Jan. 26.

The test match, England versus South Africa, was continued yesterday. South Africa in the second innings made 347, of which White scored 118; and England in its second innings has made 15 for no wickets. The scores are:—

South Africa.—First innings, 199.
England.—First innings, 199.
South Africa.—Second innings, 347.
England.—Second innings, 15 for no wickets.

MOHAMMEDANS IN CONFLICT.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

The Sunnis and Shiahs in New Bokhara, Central Asia, two great sects of the Mohammedans, fought a battle extending over two days, 100 being killed.

Russian troops have been sent to the locality at the instance of the Khan.

THE MEAT BOYCOTT.

LONDON, Jan. 26.

A million people in the United States have now been enlisted in the boycott of meat controlled by the beef trust.

GERMAN LOANS.

TWENTY-FOUR MILLIONS TO BE ISSUED.

LONDON, Jan. 26.

German Imperial bonds to the amount of 17 millions sterling, and seven millions sterling of Prussian consols, will be issued on February 5. The price is 102, and the rate of interest 4 per cent. The underwriters are paid £101 3s 9d.

When the loans are issued the debt of the Empire will be £244,000,000.

FRENCH ARMY HOOLIGANS.

TO BE SENT TO AFRICA.

LONDON, Jan. 26.

The French Government is introducing into the Chamber of Deputies a bill to purge the army of its criminal and hooligan element. It is proposed to relegate such men to the African battalions, but an act of courage and a year's good conduct on the part of a man will qualify him for return to France.

JAPANESE ARMS FACTORY.

ON GERMAN MODEL.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" states that Japan is establishing an arms factory on the German model, and that a construction school will be carried on in connection with the factory with German engineer officers as instructors.

THE WOOL SALES.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

At the wool sales this afternoon there was strong competition for all classes at full late rates.

Jan. 26.

At the wool sales yesterday the following prices were secured in connection with the clips mentioned:—Moyhil, highest 14d, average 13¾d; Goonoo, 15d, 14¾d; Quambone, 12¾d, 10¾d; Terrick, 14d, 12¾d; Gumbardo, 12d, 11d; Eldersile, 24¾d, 24¾d; Moa, 13¾d, 11½d; Rako, 12¾d, 11¾d; White Rock, 11¾d, 10¾d.

KILLED BY A SHARK.

A NEWCASTLE HORROR.

BOY'S LEG BITTEN OFF.

MARVELLOUS COURAGE OF VICTIM.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

A boy named Alfred Victor Clulow was swimming in the harbour this morning, when he was caught by a shark, and his right leg was bitten right off close to the thigh.

Clulow, who is 15 years of age, went swimming with a companion named E. Simpson in the harbour near the No. 2 ballast jetty at Carrington, which is some distance up the harbour. At about 11 o'clock this morning Simpson dived off the jetty and swam round for a few minutes, and then clambered up to the jetty again. Clulow followed suit just afterwards, and on coming to the surface again started to swim back to the jetty. He was close inshore, when there was a whirl in the water, and the unfortunate boy called out in agonised tones, and then disappeared. His companion, watching from the top, saw the commotion continue in the water, and then the boy appeared again, the water around him being discoloured with blood. He struggled to the bank, and Simpson ran down and pulled him out. The latter was horrified to see that Clulow's right leg was severed almost up to the thigh, whilst the fingers of his left hand were badly bitten, and were only hanging to his hand by the skin.

Two other boys near by named Smith were called, and they summoned the police, who secured the ambulance, and quickly took the boy to the hospital. He was conscious all the way to the institution, and was suffering fearful pain. Whilst the doctor was examining him he begged piteously to be given something to put him out of his agony. No ligature had been put round the leg when he was being brought to the hospital, and though he had lost a great deal of blood, and was in addition suffering greatly from shock, the boy displayed remarkable fortitude. He remained conscious all the time the doctors were washing the wound, and was able to describe the occurrence to those around him.

Clulow was operated on shortly after being taken to the hospital, but whilst under the anaesthetic he showed signs of distress, and the operation was not completed. In the afternoon he rallied, and was conscious for some time, but afterwards he gradually weakened, and died from shock and loss of blood. Clulow's parents reside at Carrington.

It is believed that when the shark first made for the unfortunate boy he tried to ward it off with his hand, and it grasped his fingers. It then caught his leg, which was taken off as with a knife, so that the shark must have been an exceptionally large one. The wonder is that the boy had the strength and the courage to struggle to the shore as he did. The doctors at the hospital stated when dressing the wound that they had seldom seen such pluck and fortitude, especially in a boy. The shock and loss of blood would probably have caused the death of most men before the hospital was reached. In addition to the loss of the right leg and the crushing of the left hand, the boy's left leg was also badly bitten.

There are a great number of sharks round the harbour and the beaches at Newcastle at present. They have evidently been attracted to the vicinity by the carcases of stock that are being washed down the river by the floods, and can be seen round the wharfs and breakwaters every day. The boys had evidently been in the habit of swimming off the wharfs, and evidently did not realise their danger. The presence of the sharks, however, does not seem to deter surf-swimmers, who were on the Newcastle beach this morning in hundreds, and many of them continually swam out beyond the line of breakers, despite the warnings of members of the Surf Club.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE.

BUILDING THE DESTROYERS.

VICTORIA GETTING ANXIOUS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

A deputation from the Williamstown Council and Iron Trades Council waited on the Minister for Public Works (Mr. Baillieu) today, to urge upon the Government the necessity of providing modern equipment at the Dry Docks, Melbourne, so as to be in a state of readiness to obtain a share of the naval defence work about to be undertaken by the Commonwealth Government.

Mr. Baillieu said it was known that the third destroyer would go to Sydney. There was nothing astonishing in that. It was the first to be built in Australia.

Mr. Matthews, M.P., said that he had seen the secretary to the Defence Department, and he had stated that he knew nothing about the building of a destroyer in Sydney.

Mr. Baillieu: If it is agreed that it should be done in Sydney it would be an unseemly wrangle to interfere, and I would not have any part in it. Sydney has the same rights as we have. Let us hope that we get the building of the next boat.

Councillor Wymark said that he was disgusted to think that the Countess of Hopetoun should have to go to Sydney for a new boiler.

Mr. Baillieu: It is humiliating.

Mr. W. Campbell (Iron Trades Council) said he did not blame the State for what it was doing. He blamed the Federal Government and others for allowing any attempt to make Port Jackson the naval centre of Australia.

Mr. Baillieu, in reply, said he admitted the importance of the deputation, and agreed with pretty well all the requests put forward, except that where the Government was invited to wrangle with New South Wales. He did not care if New South Wales built the first ship if Victoria got the next. If specifications were ordered whereby New South Wales got an advantage it was different. They were prepared to admit that Sydney had all the claims which Melbourne had, and they wanted to see that she got the same as they did. He considered that no basis of defence for Australia would be sound unless Port Phillip were properly defended. The Victorian Government had sent Mr. Davidson to England in connection with the matter now under discussion, because they desired to have proper docks for the port of Melbourne. The work must be properly done. The Government hoped that Mr. Davidson would come back and help them in the matter, and be able to give them points. Mr. Davidson would on his return devote the whole of his time to ports, docks, etc. New South Wales might have a bit of a pull in shipbuilding because of the supposedly better equipment. He hoped that Victoria would not be behind hand in the matter. There would be another talk shortly on the subject between the Prime Minister and the Premier. They did not desire competitive work against New South Wales, but that each State should be given its respective portion.

MANNING TORPEDO BOATS.

THE MINISTER'S INTENTIONS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Minister for Defence (Mr. Joseph Cook) has been looking into the question of manning the new torpedo boats being built for Australia. Referring to the subject to-day, he said:—"I have had to decide whether we should send our own men to England to bring out the boats, or whether we should engage men in London. On the whole, after looking carefully into the matter, it seems to us the balance of advantage would lie in sending our own men to England. Captain Creswell has been going into the matter of relative cost, and he finds that it would cost no more to send our men to England than to engage them in London. The advantage in sending our men will be that they will have the experience gained in navigating the boats out. The most important section of the officers is already in England, and Captain Creswell can spare sufficient men from our present staff to do this work.

LINKING UP THE STATES.

PERTH, Wednesday.

Senator Pearce, ex-Minister for Defence, addressing a meeting in Perth on the question of defence, said he had listened to the speech delivered by Lord Kitchener, and he (Senator Pearce) believed those utterances were going to have an important effect so far as Western Australia was concerned, because almost in unmeasured terms the distinguished soldier had committed himself to a declaration that there could be no effective defence so far as this State was concerned until Western Australia was linked up with the eastern States.

RUSSIAN ANARCHIST EXECUTED.

LONDON, Jan. 26.

Vosskressenski, the agent of the Russian revolutionaries, who murdered Colonel Karpoff, chief of detectives, at St. Petersburg with a bomb, was hanged yesterday.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

THE KHEDIVE.

LONDON, Jan. 26.

After undergoing quarantine the Khedive of Egypt has arrived at Cairo from his pilgrimage.

DOCKS FOR AUSTRIA.

Austria is building Dreadnought docks at Pola.

COAL STRIKE.

THE VEND.

ITS TRADE OPERATIONS.

PROBABLE INQUIRIES BY BOARD.

INTERESTING DISCLOSURES EXPECTED.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

Now that the duty of putting evidence before the compulsory arbitration board has been taken out of the hands of both the proprietors and the miners' federation, a good deal of interest is being displayed in mining circles in the nature of the evidence that will be forthcoming. In some directions interesting disclosures are expected. It is believed that at last some of the operations of the powerful coal vend are to be brought to light, and that features of the foreign coal trade which have previously been kept in the background will be inquired into. Whether sufficient will be brought out to induce the Federal Government to take action under the Anti-Trust Act is therefore a matter of keen speculation.

In the course of its investigations, the board, in order to determine upon the hewing rate to be fixed, will necessarily need to inquire into the trade conditions of the field, and, it is understood, that in fixing the hewing rate, the board will give attention to the profits made by colliery companies. The interstate trade is naturally the most profitable. For some time the selling price of Newcastle coal for that trade has been fixed at 11s per ton, and no members of the vend have been allowed to sell at a lower figure. In the foreign trade, however, though the nominal selling price is also 11s, it is understood that in certain cases where strong competition has to be fought, other arrangements are made if the vend consents. In the interstate trade this competition does not exist to any great extent, and the price is therefore kept up. Another matter that will probably be the subject of evidence is the arrangement which is understood to exist, whereby the output of the respective collieries is controlled. It is alleged that when the selling price is fixed, generally towards the end of the year, each colliery in the vend is allotted a certain amount of trade. If, during the following 12 months, that output is exceeded, the colliery has to pay a fine equal as a rule to the profit made on the extra trade into a fund which goes to reimburse those collieries which have not secured their full share of the trade. This arrangement has been a special bugbear of the miners federation. That body contends that the agreement has the effect of frequently throwing collieries idle, when, if the company had not been under a restriction there was sufficient legitimate trade to permit of their working full time. They allege that a great deal of the broken time seen last year could be traced directly to this source, and that in many cases when it paid a colliery to close down for a period, the men were induced by a system of deliberate persecution to go on strike. Many who are not connected with the federation go even further, and state in whispers, for no one dare speak of the matter above a whisper, that the present strike was welcomed by certain big collieries that had exceeded the output allotted them.

The collieries within the vend are bound by a heavy bond to obey the dictates of the majority. At first this bond was of a personal nature, but that being found insufficient, it was changed to a heavy cash bond, which is paid into a trust fund. An interesting feature in the light of after events in connection with the formation of the vend, was that the miners' federation itself was, in the first place, anxious for its creation. It was believed at the time, and with a good deal of reason, that the ruinous competition which took place between the companies a few years ago would be prevented. This result certainly was effected, but the other side of the picture was not foreseen.

If, as is expected, Judge Scholes calls for evidence on these points, the disclosures may be of such a nature as to force the Federal Government to take action.

WATERFRONT TROUBLES.

UNION BALLOT.

THE WAGES BOARD QUESTION.

There is every probability that the Wharf-labourers' Union ballot, now being taken, will give a majority in the affirmative; that is to say, the union will decide to work on vessels irrespective of whether they are coaled by their crews or by non-union coal-lumpers. Of course, there is nothing certain when expressions of opinion—coming on top of a stormy controversy—are given in secret; but from what can be gathered the probabilities are as stated.

In the meantime, until Saturday, when the result will become an order for the restoration of unionism within this turbulent "union," the labourers on the various wharfs decide for themselves. Yesterday being a holiday there was very little being done anywhere. The Nord-deutscher Lloyd Wharf was the busiest, two vessels being busy loading and unloading, non-union men being employed.

The decision of the employers to apply for a wages board has not yet been discussed by the wharf-labourers' or any other union likely to be affected. In general the wharf-labourers are against it entirely.

Mr. W. M. Hughes, general secretary of the union, speaking on the subject last night, said that, as far as he knew, the matter referred to the deep-water stevedores. The agreement, which expires in February, was, in substance, the renewal of the award of the Arbitration Court, and had been in existence now for some six years. "I think it has worked, on the whole, very satisfactorily," he said, "and I am certain that it would be very much better for all concerned to renew it than to ask for a wages board. I fancy that the real reason why the stevedores have taken this course is that some of them feel perhaps a little irritation at the sporadic disputes that have taken place at some wharfs. We have always got on very well with the stevedores, and I venture to express the hope that nothing definite will be done for a little while. When things have settled down I feel sure that a renewal of the agreement will be accepted by both parties as a better way. Of course if they do apply for a wages board we shall have to formulate our demands. I have no idea just at present of the nature of these; we shall have to consider them. In any case until the result of the ballot now being taken is known any opinion expressed must be subject to that reservation.

"The original award was one of Mr. Justice Cohen in terms of an agreement made by Judge Scholes, then counsel for the respondents, and myself as representative of the union, and gave the union some very substantial advantages, amongst others an increase of 25 per cent. in wages. This deserves the notice of the northern miners. This is an agreement under which a very large body of men have been working for many years. Then we have the western wages board, where we have the eight hours, a thing the northern men haven't got. I think the northern miners are extremely fortunate in having Judge Scholes."

UNLAWFUL OBSTRUCTION.

EIGHT MEN IMPRISONED.

WEST MAITLAND, Wednesday.

Joseph Dimmock was charged at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. M'Kensey, P.M., under section 496 of the Crimes Act, with that he did on January 1, at Greta, unlawfully and with violence obstruct one Edward Maher in working at his lawful occupation as carter. The case arose out of the filling of slack at the Whitburn colliery. Mr. W. C. Robison (Crown Law Office) appeared to prosecute, and Mr. J. D. Reid, of Newcastle, for defendant. Joseph Kedwell, James Kedwell, John Nevin, William Nevin, Frederick Rennie, William Anderson, and Samuel Newton were similarly charged, it being agreed that the evidence in the case of Dimmock should be taken as evidence in all the cases. The P.M. found all accused guilty. Joseph Dimmock was sentenced to three months' imprisonment without the option of a fine, James Kedwell to two months Joseph Kedwell, John Nevin, William Nevin, Frederick Rennie, and William Anderson to one month each, and Samuel Newton to 14 days' imprisonment, all without the option of a fine.

COAL IMPORTS.

THE GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

ARRIVAL OF FIRST CARGO.

The saying "Coals to Newcastle" is nearly an accomplished fact with the arrival of the steamer Quito yesterday from Calcutta with over 4000 tons. The valuable mineral is in some mysterious way still obtainable from the northern coal port, and it is quite likely that in a very little while the imports will be unsaleable at a profit. Anyway the steamer is here, and others will soon follow. The second, in fact, may arrive to-day.

The Quito's cargo is stated to be excellent steaming coal. The vessel, of course, filled her bunkers for the voyage, and Captain Young found it to be most economical. Four days were occupied in loading it at Calcutta, coolies, of course, being employed. The method of loading in that part of the world is one that for cleanliness recommends itself to steamship people. Men and women do the work, carrying the small baskets of coal on their heads, and tipping them into the hold. It was transported to the waterside by rail. The steamer Den of Airlie was to load at the same wharf as the Quito. She is the next vessel expected of the 50,000 tons ordered by the Government.

The wharf at Dawes Point, where the Quito is lying, is down one of those steep roads that are a feature of that part of the waterfront. The yard is closed in by houses, and a gate at the upper part of an incline is the only entrance. No discharging was done yesterday, but the tressles are in readiness for the operation. The stevedore, Mr. W. O. Healy, has engaged over 100 free labourers, the coal-lumpers being on strike, and they will make a start this morning. This large number is probably required on account of the coal having to be stacked on the wharf. Superintendent Mitchell, with a squad of police, will patrol the vicinity to-day.

THE COMPULSORY BOARD.

FAVOURED BY SHORTLAND MINERS.

REVERSE PREVIOUS DECISION.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

At a meeting of the Shortland Miners' Lodge to-day, Mr. D. Williams, a member of the delegate board, and one of the 13 delegates who were convicted by Judge Heydon recently on a charge of instigating a strike, spoke strongly in support of a ballot of the federation being taken on the question of the recognition of the compulsory board. He contended that was now the only means open to the miners for obtaining redress of their grievances. He also quoted extensively from the award given by Judge Scholes in the western district, showing the concessions granted the miners there.

Other speakers expressed similar views in regard to the board, and the lodge passed a unanimous resolution, recommending that a ballot be taken. This motion directly reverses the decision given by the lodge some days ago, when it was summoned to meet by the executive officers, and also reverses the decision of the delegate board.

INTERIM AWARD FAVOURED.

WOLLONGONG, Wednesday.

A special delegate meeting of the Illawarra Colliery Employees' Association was held on Wednesday for the purpose of considering the advisability of resuming work before an interim award is made by the wages board, as decided upon by the board, which sat at Helensburgh on Monday last. A motion for an immediate resumption of work pending the award of the wages board was defeated by a small majority. The opinion was expressed that if an interim award were made, there would be a possibility of work being proceeded with.

TWO FULL SHIFTS WORKING.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

It is stated that there are now about 140 miners working at the Zig Zag colliery. The Lithgow mine is working two full shifts, and there is said to have been an increase made in the number of hands at the Hermitage colliery.

LUMPERS KNOCK OFF.

BLACK LABOUR ENGAGED.

PERTH (W.A.), Wednesday.

When the steamer Ullinderoo reached Port Hedland the lumpers refused to discharge cargo unless an increase from 1/6 to 1/8 per hour was granted, and a black crew was secured to do the unloading. This is said to be contrary to law, and the union intends bringing the matter under the notice of the Minister for Customs. Trouble is expected on the arrival of the steamer Gordon, unless steps are taken to prevent the employment of black labour. The demand for increase is the outcome of payment by the railway contractors of 1/8 per hour against 1/6 by the Government.

SOUTHERN WAGES BOARD.

HELENSBURGH, Wednesday.

At the first meeting of the Southern Collieries Wages Board at Helensburgh on Monday, it was decided that the board would immediately reopen on the resumption of work by the miners, and deal with an interim award in connection with deficiency places, as follows:—"That until the board has inquired into the question, and made its award thereon, a deficient place to be defined as a working place, where stone, dirt, bands or falling roofs, or hard coal, water, or rolls, or jumps in the floor or roof occur, or any other foreign matter is met with in any working place, whereby a thoroughly capable and competent workman cannot earn the minimum shift wage." Clause 14 of the old agreement, which states:—"That in working a deficiency place, if the manager or under-manager cannot agree with the miners working it as to the compensation to be paid, the manager shall have the option of working it upon shift wages if he can find the miner another place, or to work it with the miner at his average earnings for the previous 12 pays; but if the miner has not worked in the mine for 12 pays, then at his average earnings for the actual number of pays"—shall be the condition for working a deficiency place, and any dispute that arises shall be submitted to a conciliation board, and determined per the wages board.

MOUNT KEIRA MINERS.

WOLLONGONG, Wednesday.

A meeting of Mount Keira miners was held yesterday afternoon, Mr. O'Neil presiding. The principal business of the meeting was a discussion as to the advisability of accepting the conditions as at present offered by the wages board. Many of the men expressed the opinion that no further time should be lost by delegates in any useless endeavours to get principal grievances redressed before the resumption of work. It was made very plain that this request will not be granted, and therefore it would only be a means of further prolonging the struggle if they should persist in this course. A letter was read from Mr. Andrew Gray, secretary of the Coal and Shale Workers' Federation, asking that the lodge pass resolutions expressing its confidence in the proposals as laid down by Mr. Bowling in his aggregate meeting at Bulli on Saturday last. It was held that as this communication did not come through the general secretary first it should be ignored and ruled unofficial. Several present expressed the opinion that those men who have been engaged in filling coal at Mount Keira colliery, and who are members of the union, should be struck off the members' roll.

EFFECT IN VICTORIA.

4000 HANDS DISPLACED.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

While considerable financial loss has resulted to a wide circle of employers in consequence of the coalminers' strike, much hardship has also had to be endured by a large number of workmen. Approximately about 4000 persons are out of work through the strike as follows:—Carters, 500; seamen, 400; wharf-labourers, 400; cooks and stewards, 250; ships' officers and engineers, 200; Mephan, Ferguson, and Co., 250; Australian Paper Mills, 175; New Northcote Brick Company, 130; Portland Cement Works, 100; Hooper's Clothing Factories, 75; Cornwell's Potteries, 75; Hoffmann Brick Company, 60; Northcote Brick Company, 55; Johnson's Tyne Foundry, 30; miscellaneous (estimate), 1300; total, 4000.

VICTORIA STATE MINE.

MANAGER APPOINTED.

GOVERNMENT BUILDS MINERS' HOMES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Victorian Cabinet has appointed as manager to the State coal mine at Powlett River Mr. George H. Broome, at present manager of the Westport-Stockton Coal Company, New Zealand. He is 43 years of age, and was educated at Masons' Science College, now the Birmingham University. Mr. Broome has had 25 years' experience in mining operations in England, Canada, and New Zealand, and for 19 years has been in full charge in New Zealand and Canada. He started operations in two important mines in New Zealand—the Seddonville State coal mine, and the Westport-Stockton mine, which he is now managing.

In his present position Mr. Broome receives a salary of £800 per annum and a residence. The salary which the Victorian Government are to pay is £1000 per annum and a residence.

It was also decided by the Cabinet to erect 50 workmen's cottages near the mines. The estimated cost is £10,000.

ANNIVERSARY REGATTA.

A SUCCESSFUL CELEBRATION.

SPLENDID RACING.

As a veteran supporter of aquatic sports somewhat regretfully remarked on board the flagship yesterday, time was when about the only festival worth patronising on the anniversary of the foundation of the State of New South Wales was the regatta. Now it has many other forms of recreation and amusement to contend against, but in spite of all opposition the annual harbour fete on January 26 fairly holds its own, and will, no doubt, continue to do so indefinitely unless the present breed of exponents of friendly rivalry dies out, and the standard of "water babies" deteriorates. There was no sign of decadence yesterday, for all over the harbour between Kirribilli Point and Bradley's Head the usual scene of animation existed. The flagship doing duty this year was the fine Aberdeen White Star liner Marathon, commander R. Allen, and the vessel, being in holiday attire, looked her best. She was moored off Cremorne Point, and it was a grim illustration of the present industrial difficulty that while over a certain area the harbour was, figurately speaking, laughing with enjoyment, unemployed colliers and sailing vessels that are strike-bound frowned upon the holiday-making. During the forenoon the attendance on board the Marathon was not very large, but it increased afterwards, though at no time was the vessel crowded. The existing economic disturbance doubtless had something to do with this, to say nothing of the races and cricket match; but, considering all drawbacks, the attendance was satisfactory.

The day was bright and clear, with a cool north-easter, which blew with sufficient force to ensure the success of the sailing races; while it raised no "lumpiness" in the water to hamper the efforts of the rowing contestants. It was, indeed, an ideal day for aquatic recreation, and the patrons of the flagship having their comfort zealously looked after by the captain and officers of the vessel, appeared to fully appreciate their breezy and picturesque environment. The principal items on the programme afforded considerable excitement, especially the leading sailing and rowing events, and the competition between the motor boats. During the day a selection of music was played by the Sobraon band, under the direction of Mr. J. F. Bourke.

THE LUNCHEON.

At this function, which took place in the saloon at 1 o'clock, an innovation was made in that, for the first time, several ladies were present as guests. Captain Allen occupied the chair, and the toast of "The King" having been duly honoured,

Judge Backhouse proposed "The Day We Celebrate," and said that he was pleased to be able, for the first time, to address those present as "ladies and gentlemen." (Hear, hear.) With reference to the toast, he said that the regatta committee had experienced some difficulty in obtaining a suitable flagship. The P. and O. Company was not able to give assistance owing to the unfortunate state of things that had existed in the State for some time; and the Orient Company had no ship in port. The committee was, therefore, at its wits end to know what to do, but Captain Allen, of the Marathon, the agents, Messrs. Dalgety and Company, and the owners, came to the rescue, and placed the fine vessel named at its disposal. On behalf, therefore, of the regatta committee, of which he was the executive officer, he warmly thanked the captain, owners, and agents for so generously coming to the rescue. Those who took an active interest in promoting these annual aquatic events had no part in politics, or in the unfortunate struggle which was causing so much misery; but they sympathised heartily with the mercantile and shipping community, from which the regatta committee derived so much assistance. (Hear, hear.) He deplored strikes of any kind, but being a Judge, and therefore in a position where he was talked at very much—(laughter)—there was one strike which he would like to see, and that was a strike against talkers. (Laughter.) He referred with great regret to the death of Captain Charles, M.L.C., and Mr. Samuel Hordern, and, turning to the brighter side of the picture, he said he was glad to see present Mr. Q. L. Deloitte, who had not only completed 50 years' service in the Sugar Refining Company, but had for the same period supported aquatics. It was half a century ago, too, that Mr. Deloitte won his first race. He was sure they were all glad to welcome him aboard, and hoped to see him present at the annual regatta for many years to come. (Hear, hear.) In recognition of Mr. Deloitte's long and intimate connection with amateur boating in Australia, and also to commemorate his first victory in a rowing race, the aquatic community had presented him with a handsome cup, which, at his request, was to be a perpetual trophy to be competed for at the New South Wales Rowing Association regatta. He (Judge Backhouse) was glad to say that the club to which he belonged (the University) had been the first to handle the cup. (Hear, hear.) Seeing the glorious natural advantages we possessed, it was scarcely to be wondered at that the love of sailing and rowing had taken such deep root in the community in spite of other sports and forms of amusement, and it was his fervent wish that, in spite of everything, the love of aquatics would always be as strong as it was at present. (Applause.)

The toast was enthusiastically honoured.

The Lord Mayor (Alderman Allen Taylor) proposed "The Commander of the Marathon, and the agents—Messrs. Dalgety and Co.," and expressed regret that owing to prior engagements a number of distinguished guests were unable to be present. He heartily concurred with Judge Backhouse in what he had stated as to the kindness of the Aberdeen White Star Company in getting the committee out of a difficulty by supplying such a flagship as the Marathon.

Mr. Deloitte also spoke in support of the toast, and the proceedings terminated with the toast of "The Chairman."

ROWING.

The breeze was not too strong for the rowers, and the water was fairly smooth, except where passing ferry steamers caused a somewhat difficult wash. The course was well kept, and all conditions were fair to the competitors. The racing officials were:—J. M'Gregor, starter; J. Degotardi, judge; N. J. M'Donald, umpire; and A. E. Nash timekeeper. Handicaps for the all-comers' races were drawn up by Messrs. R. Bishop and J. Blackman; and for the amateur sculls by Messrs. M'Donald, Ferrier, and Stinson.

The first race was maiden fours, and in this a strong team from Balmain Club won from Glebe and Mercantile crews. Senior fours served to show how a light, clever crew can row faster than a heavy but less skilful team. Mercantile rowed Enterprise clean out, and won by two lengths. Service whalers' race was won by a good crew from Naval Brigade, there being five competing boats.

Maiden fours for lightweight rowers was won by Balmain team, after a close and exciting race with a stylish crew from Glebe Club. Dart boys' cutter race was interesting, and the lads rowed surprisingly well, and with great determination. The whale boat was too good for the other boats.

All-comers' sculling handicap was the feature of the programme. Hagney did not start, but there were ten men sent on the way. Harry Pearce rowed desperately hard, but could not quite make up for the long starts. The finish was so close that several of the scullers crossed the winning line in a bunch. The judge made it a dead heat for first place between C. Walters and S. Pearce, who agreed to divide the prize money of £20. F. Matterson and G. Matterson were close up, and so were H. Pearce and Fogwell. Junior fours was won by Enterprise Club, with Balmain close up all the way.

All-comers' second-class handicap resulted in a dead heat between C. Walters and Tom Kemp, a youth of 18, and son of Peter Kemp, the ex-champion sculler. R. Donnelly, a fresh arrival from the Clarence, was placed third, but he narrowly escaped capsizing two or three times. Kemp and Walters agreed to divide the £11 prize money. Single sculls amateurs in Gladstone skiffs was won by a few feet by A. G. Gilchrist, who also won last year.

MAIDEN FOURS, course from near Bradley's Head to Neutral Bay.

Balmain R. C.—T. Martin, R. Brown, M. H. Fisher, S. Amess (stroke) ... 1
Glebe R.C.—Theo. Larsen, T. G. Marshall, G. R. Munce, R. C. Sim (stroke) ... 2
Mercantile R. C.—H. W. Horsefield, N. Graham, G. G. Fairhall, A. E. Collins (stroke) ... 3

Balmain had a very powerful crew, and soon gained a slight lead, which was increased to a length in two minutes, with Glebe second. Half-way down the course Glebe caught Balmain, and drew a half-length in front, but catching a crab on bow side lost so much that Balmain was never caught again, and won by a full length, in 7m 55s. Glebe rowed a good race, but lacked condition to get over the last half-mile. Mercantile rowed too fast a stroke, but in any case could not have won.

SENIOR FOURS, course from near Bradley's Head to Neutral Bay.

Mercantile R.C.—F. J. Pigg, 9st 9lb; A. J. Good, 10st 6lb; R. M'Clure, 12st; A. R. Buckland, 10st 6lb (stroke) ... 1
Enterprise R. C.—E. Dowen, 11st 6lb; R. Winch, 12st; T. A. Walker, 12st; W. Hoskings, 11st 8lb (stroke) ... 2

Mercantile was best away, and rowing a good swinging stroke did well until they met a heavy wash from a passing steamer. Enterprise then took the lead, and half-way down the course were a length in front. Mercantile came again, and drew level a half-mile from

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the finish, eventually winning by two lengths, in 8m 14s. The winners showed better form than the strong Enterprise team, and deserve credit for a fine performance.

MAIDEN FOURS, under 10st weight, course from near Bradley's Head to Neutral Bay.
Balmain R.C.—J. T. Cooksey, A. Bryce, W. J. Chambers, J. Robinson (stroke) ... 1
Glebe R.C.—P. Ferguson, D. Norman, Rex Norman, J. W. Dickinson (stroke) ... 2
Enterprise R.C.—W. M'Pherson, K. Boyd, E. Neill, J. Taylor (stroke) ... 3

Glebe was in the lead soon after starting, but Balmain, with a good length of swing, came on steadily, and in three minutes were nearly a length in front. Half-way they had increased this to a clear lead. Glebe came up again, but nearing the finish failed to hold the leaders, who won by three lengths. Enterprise was not able to ... with the other teams, and did not row nearly so well. The time was 7m 49s.

SERVICE WHALERS. Imperial and foreign men-of-war, naval and military forces. Course from Farm Cove, round P. and O. buoy, and back to flagship.
Naval Brigade whaler ... 1
H.M.S. Pegasus, Royal Marines ... 2
H.M.S. Pioneer ... 3
A good race all the way.

DART BOYS' CUTTERS' RACE, from Robertson's Point, round Fort Denison, and finish at flagship. Prizes, £4 and £2.
The whaler soon took the lead, although the jolly-boat was allowed 2½m start. A good race between the whaler and gig resulted in a good win for the former.

ALL-COMERS' SCULLING HANDICAP. Course from near Bradley's Head to Neutral Bay. Distance about 1m 3f. Prizes, £15, £5, and £2.
Sydney Pearce, 12st 6lb (9s) ... 0
Charles Walters, 9st 10lb (25s) ... 0
Francis Matterson, 11st (4s) ... 3
George Matterson, 10st 4lb (25s) ... 3
Harry Pearce, 12st 12lb (scratch) ... 5

Other starters: P. Kemp, jun., 10s; P. M'Leish, 23s; R. Donnelly, 23s; F. Delofski, 15s; W. Fogwell, 5s. The race was a very fine one, and resulted in a dead-heat between S. Pearce and C. Walters. Donnelly capsized when in a good position half-way down the course. The winners' time was 8 minutes, and they agreed to divide the first and second prizes. A feature of the race was the contest between H. Pearce and Fogwell for a mile, when the latter's want of condition settled the matter. S. Pearce rowed well, and so did most of the experienced scullers.

JUNIOR FOURS. Course from near Bradley's Head to Neutral Bay.
Enterprise R.C. (W. Smith, E. Clarke, A. Craig, C. Wardrope stroke) ... 1
Balmain R.C. (H. G. Smith, R. Fotheringhame, C. Freeman, C. M. Scott stroke) ... 2
Only two crews started. Balmain rowed a very game race until near the finish, when condition gave out, and Enterprise won by two lengths in 7m 5s.

ALL-COMERS' HANDICAP, for those who have never won a prize of more than £10. Prizes, £8, £3, and £1.
Tom Kemp, 9st 6lb (20s) ... 0
C. Walters, 9st 10lb (10s) ... 0
R. Donnelly, 11st 10lb (scr) ... 3

Other starters: P. M'Leish, 5s; F. Matterson, 15s; and G. Matterson, scr. Kemp obtained a fine lead, but nearing the finish all closed up to within a few lengths. Walters did not take a good course, and was lucky to get a dead heat with young Kemp. G. Matterson was disqualified by the umpire for crossing into Donnelly's water. Kemp and Walters preferred to divide rather than re-row. The time was 8m 36s.

SINGLE SCULLS, a handicap in Gladstone skiffs.
Mercantile R.C. (A. G. Gilchrist), 25s ... 1
Mercantile R.C. (H. Cherry), 50s ... 2
Leichhardt R.C. (W. C. Jones), 25s ... 3
Other starters: W. Carter, L. Bell, and W. Hoskings. Cherry got a long lead, but was caught just before the finish. The time was 9m 58s.

SOBRAON BOYS' CUTTERS. Course from Robertson's Point round Fort Denison, and back to the flagship. Prizes, £4 and £2.
No. 2 cutter won by a length or so from No. 1, No. 3, and No. 4. The lads rowed a great race all the way, and the result was in doubt until near the judge's line.
The regatta terminated with a dingy chase for the Sobraon boys.

SAILING RACES.

A steady breeze from about east-north-east blew throughout the day, and was all that could be desired for the sailing events. The boats were able to stack on all their available extras, and this, of course, added to the fine spectacle presented. The All Yachts race was won by Magic, with Mr. A. C. Saxton at the tiller, Awanui, which finished second, easily defeating Rawhiti. The presence of the Western Australian and Queensland 18-footers enhanced the interest in their contests, but in neither of the races in which they started did they distinguish themselves. The morning race for the popular "eighteens" was won by Advance, while that of the afternoon was won by Nimrod, the latest of the Golding-built boats. Waratah won both the 10-footers' races in fine style, and she was the only boat to secure a "double." A resume of the racing is as follows:—

ALL YACHTS (handicap). Course: From line between starter's boat and Orient buoy, round pile-light off Watson's Bay and Shark Island, thence round Fort Denison, round both buoys at Manly, round Shark Island, and finish between gunboat and flagship. Prizes: First, £11 11s, second £6 6s, third £3 3s. First prize to first yacht in, second prize to first yacht in of different class to the winner. Handicaps at start.
Magic (J. Murray), 21m, £11 11s ... 1
Awanui (W. M. Marks), scr, £6 6s ... 2
Aoma (C. E. Fleming and A. Wadsworth), 21m, £3 3s ... 3

Other starters were:—Rawhiti (E. E. Sayer), scr; White Wings (A. Muston), 5m; Petrel (P. C. Trebeck), 14m; Sunbeam (A. W. Crane), 14m; Janet (H. J. Muston), 21m. Meteor (W. R. Crane), 21m, was entered, but did not start.

The wind was fairly light at the start and the water dead smooth. Magic revelled in the conditions, and under the skilful pilotage of her former owner (Mr. A. C. Saxton) soon left her fellow mark boats. Janet was again unfortunate, this time losing her bowsprit. Awanui, sailed by the owner, soon drew away from Rawhiti. White Wings wanted much more wind. After completing the first portion of the course they were timed as they hauled a wind at the flagship for the thrash to Manly. Magic, 1h 27m; Aoma, 1h 31m; Petrel, 1h 33m 10s; Sunbeam, 1h 34m 10s; Awanui, 1h 38m 10s; Rawhiti, 1h 40m 5s; White Wings, 1h 44m 5s.

Magic was sailing remarkably well, beating all her class boats, and Awanui was steadily improving her position, and White Wings was losing ground.

At the Manly buoy they were timed:—Magic, 2h 23m 28s; Aoma, 2h 29m 30s; Petrel, 2h 30m 56s; Awanui, 2h 33m 2s; Rawhiti, 2h 36m 38s; Sunbeam, 2h 39m 2s; White Wings, 2h 45m 41s.

Petrel lost a little time at the buoy. Awanui's spinnaker was a long while making its appearance. Magic was not to be caught; but Awanui passed both Petrel and Aoma.

The finishing times were:—Magic, 3h 18m 10s; Awanui, 3h 19m 33s; Aoma, 3h 22m 50s; Rawhiti, 3h 23m 40s; Petrel, 3h 23m 50s. White Wings and Sunbeam withdrew.

YACHTS (Cruisers, fore and aft canvas only, no extras).—Handicap. Open to all comers. Course: From line between starter's boat and Orient buoy, round pilelight off Watson's Bay, and Shark Island, thence round flagmark moored off flagship, round both buoys at Manly, round Shark Island, finishing between gunboat and flagship. Distance, 15.75 sea miles. Prizes: First, £5 5s; second, £2 2s; third, £1 1s. Handicap at start.
Caprice (A. M. Doudney), scratch, £5 5s ... 1
Athene (D. Carment), 8m, £2 2s ... 2
Bantu (J. Moppett), 6m, did not finish.
Apache (A. Binning), 8m, also started, but for some cause retired very early.

Athene held the lead for the first round of the course, as the times taken at the flagship show: Athene, 1h 31m 20s; Caprice, 1h 31m 30s; Bantu, 1h 32m 54s. Caprice then went to the front, easily outsailing the others. Athene left Bantu. Rounding the Manly buoy they were timed: Caprice, 2h 37m 18s; Athene, 2h 44m 50s; Bantu, 2h 49m 55s. No alteration took place on the run home, the finishing times being: Caprice, 3h 37m 20s; Athene, 3h 47m 25s.

SAILING.

Dingies, 6ft.—Handicap. Course—From Orient buoy, round P. and O. buoy, round flagmark moored off flagship, again round P. and O. buoy, and finish between gunboat and flagship. Prizes—First, £2; second, £1; third, 10s.
Ena (F. Clayton), 5½m ... 1
Our Own (H. Brown), 5½m ... 2
Ariine (R. Collins), 5½m ... 3

Other starters: Queenie (F. Drysdale), scr; Waratah (G. Drysdale), scr; Emily (J. Leigh), 2¼m; Thelma (A. Stevens), 3¼m; Crescent (H. Collins), 5m; Federal (S. Warren), 9m.

A very close finish resulted in this event, Ena winning by the narrow margin of 2s, as the following finishing times show:—Ena, 11h 43m 58s; Our Own, 11h 44m; Ariine, 11h 47m; Federal, 11h 47m 2s; Queenie, 11h 48m; Waratah, 11h 48m 20s; Thelma, 11h 50m. Crescent capsized, while Emily did not complete the course.

Dingies, 10ft.—Handicap. Course—From Orient buoy, round Shark Island, flagmark moored off flagship, again round Shark Island, and finish at flagship. Prizes—First, £4; second, £2; third, £1.
Waratah (W. Keddie), scr ... 1
N.S.W. (T. Kell), ½m ... 2
Myra (P. Harry), scr ... 3

The others were: Planet (L. Finch), ¾m; Arawa (F. Pethebridge), 3¼m; Australian (F. Giles), 2¾m; Moray (D. Murray), 3½m; Tam o' Shanter (L. Bamford), 4m; Britannia (J. B. Moffatt), 4½m.

Waratah went to the front the first time round, and on returning to the flagship was followed by Australian, N.S.W., Myra, Planet, Tam o' Shanter. Australian was not good enough for N.S.W. and Myra the second time round, but Waratah easily held her own to the finish, where the times were:—Waratah, 12h 46m 48s; N.S.W., 12h 47m 20s; Myra, 12h 47m 50s; Australian, 12h 48m 45s; Planet, 12h 49m 25s; Tam o' Shanter 12h 50m 3s.

Boats 16ft and upwards, skiffs excepted.—Handicap. Sails limited. Crews unlimited. Open to allcomers. Course—From Orient buoy, round Pile Light of Watson's Bay, and Shark Island, thence round flag-mark moored off flagship, back round Shark Island, finishing at flagship. Prizes—First, £5; second, £2 10s; third, £1 10s.
Grace Darling (T. Booth), 9m ... 1
Keriki (O. Taylor), scr ... 2
Acme (W. Dunn), 7m ... 3

Other entries: Effie (R. Crealy), ½m; Plover (J. Francis), 5m; Lottie (G. Murray), 6m; Desdemona (A. C. Roberts), 7m; Massilia (W. Jones), 7m; Eva (F. Hopkinson), 8m; Violet (T. M'Cready), 8m; Atalanta (S. Hubbard), 8m; Mavis (F. W. Moppett), 9m; Evatrel (F. Wheatley), 10m; Winifred (E. H. Doods), 10m; Salome (O. B. Dibbs), 11m; Idothea (T. Toober), 12m; Anne (R. Croft), 13m; Federal (N. Henry), 14m; Ivy (R. Crawford), 15m; Arawa (W. Eastwood), 16m; Valsoimung (J. Robinson), 16m; Wonerah (A. Adams), 19m; Doreen (J. Walters), 20m; Kiaora (J. Harvey), 20m; Lillie (T. Barnett), 25m.

The scratch boat, Keriki, gradually worked her way through this large "field," and had overhauled all except Grace Darling, which sailed a good boat, when the finishing line was reached, the times here being:—Grace Darling, 1h 26m 31s; Keriki, 1h 28m; Acme, 1h 29m; Salome, 1h 29m 15s; Violet, 1h 30m; Doreen, 1h 30m 10s; Eva, 1h 30m 10s; Ivy, 1h 30m 30s; Atalanta, 1h 31m 40s; Mavis, 1h 31m 45s.

Boats 16ft and under.—Sails limited. Crews limited. Handicap. Course—From Orient buoy, round Pile Light, off Watson's Bay, and Shark Island, thence round flagmark off flagship, round P. and O. buoy, and finish at flagship. Prizes—First, £5; second, £2 10s; third, £1 10s; fourth, £1.
Isadore (G. Press), 1¼m ... 1
Meta (D. Drake), 4¼m ... 2
Dearing (H. Rodrick), scr ... 3
Minoru (S. Dearing), 2¼m ... 4

Other entries: Truant (C. Fisher), ½m; Osiris (T. Prout), 1m; Ibex (A. Dickison), 1¼m; Spindrift (W. Pollock), 1¼m; Greta (J. Paterson), 1½m; Hubbard (W. Sharman), 1½m; Warrigal (C. Lees), 1½m; Kullalla (E. C. Croft), 1¾m; Thrush (R. Beashell), 2¼m; Alvona (J. Graham), 2¼m; Nereid (V. Dewhurst), 3m; Native (A. Audsley), 3m; Narcelle (H. Green), 3¼m; Aubrey (T. Lennie), 3¼m; Planet (H. Price), 3¼m; Stella (P. Mills), 3¼m; Fern (A. Hurst), 3¼m; Venus (K. Hardiman), 4m.

Although this race was open to boats 16ft and under, the competitors were all skiffs, and after a good race Isadore got home with a margin of 15s in hand, the times crossing the line being:—Isadore, 1h 16m 25s; Meta, 1h 16m 40s; Dearing, 1h 16m 45s; Minoru, 1h 17m 10s; Venus, 1h 17m 25s; Truant, 1h 17m 45s; Alvona, 1h 17m 50s; Fern, 1h 18m; Stella, 1h 18m 25s; Spindrift, 1h 20m 20s; Native, 1h 21m 40s.

Interstate Boats, 18ft.—Handicap. Course—From Orient buoy, round Lightship and Sow and Pigs and Shark Island, thence round flagmark off flagship, back round Shark Island, finishing at flagship. Prizes—First, £12; second, £5; third, £3; fourth, £2.
Advance (H. E. Thompson), 7m ... 1
Arthur (J. Smith), 4½m ... *
Australian (Chris Webb), 3m ... *
Famous (T. Colebrook, sen.), 5½m ... 4
* Dead heat.

Other starters: Oweenee (T. M. Banks), scr; Eileen (W. Read), 2m; Cygnus (W.A.) (C. Garland), and Ariell (Queensland) (H. Drake), 2¼m; Nimrod (C. Hayes), 4¼m; Crescent (C. Dunn), Donnelly (G. Holmes), Vision (W. J. Duncan, jun.), Scot (P. Cowie), 4½m; Livonia (J. T. Robinson), 4½m; Lillian (G. Degan), 5½m; Sunny South (W. Parcell), 5½m; Zena (J. M. Firth), 6½m; Mona (R. Robinson), 7m; Sonia (A. Speer), Ben My Chree (E. Brown), 9m.

This was one of the most important races of the day. The long work down to the Lightship and the journey back saw Advance at the head of affairs, and at the flagmark the positions and times were as follows:—Advance, 1m 12m 5s; Famous, 1h 12m 59s; Arthur, 1h 14m 30s; Livonia, 1h 14m 5s; Australian, 1h 11m 52s; Nimrod, 1h 15m 10s; Vision, 1h 15m 2s. Australian now appeared to have a big chance of winning, but she was only able to just get up and dead heat with Arthur on the line, Advance being still 15s in the lead. This was the latter's maiden win, and she now seems to be going a good deal better than before. The finishing times were:—Advance, 1h 55m 15s; Arthur and Australian, 1h 55m 30s; Famous, 1h 55m 44s; Livonia, 1h 56m 53s; Oweenee, 1h 58m 10s; Eileen, 1h 59m; Ariell, 2h 1m 30s; Cygnus, 2h 1m 2s.

DINGIES, 14ft.—Handicap. Course, from Orient buoy, round pilelight off Watson's Bay, Shark Island, flagmark off flagship, again round Shark Island, and finish at flagship. Prizes: First, £5; second, £2; third, £1.
Sydney (H. Collis), scr ... 1
Plover (A. Mantova), 3m ... 2
Rene (W. J. Duncan), ½m ... 3
Other starters: Jessie (W. Kennedy, jun.), 1¼m; Clio (A. Carter), 4½m.
After sailing through her opponents in fine style, Sydney had a comfortable win, the times at the finish being:—Sydney, 5h 4m 35s; Plover, 5h 6m 49s; Rene, 5h 8m 25s; Clio, 5h 8m 30s.

DINGIES, 10ft.—Handicap. Course, from Orient buoy, round pilelight off Watson's Bay, Shark Island, round flagmark off flagship, thence round P. and O. buoy, and finish between gunboat and flagship. Prizes: First, £5; second, £2; third, £1; fourth, 10s.
Waratah (W. Keddie), scr ... 1
Myra (P. Harry), scr ... 2
N.S.W. (T. Kell), ½m ... 3
Arawa (F. Pethebridge), 3¼m ... 4
Other starters: Planet (L. Clarke), ¾m; Australia (W. Durning), 3m; Moray (D. Murray), 5m; Tam o'Shanter (L. Bamford), 5m; Britannia (J. B. Moffatt), 6m.
The handicap boats had no chance with the back-markers, and as in the morning race Waratah, Myra, and N.S.W. disposed of all opposition, the times crossing the line being:—Waratah, 5h 0m 28s; Myra, 5h 3m 45s; N.S.W., 5h 5m; Arawa, 5h 8m 6s; Australia, 5h 8m 2s.

SERVICE BOATS, UNDER CANVAS.—Handicap. Open to Imperial and foreign men-o'-war and local naval and military forces. Prizes: First, £5, and trophy for skipper; second, £2; third, £1.
Naval Brigade No. 1 whaler ... 1
Naval Brigade fourth cutter ... 2
H.M.S. Cambrian pinnace ... 3
At the finish the placed boats were timed thus:—4h 44m 50s, 4h 50m 4s, 4h 57m.

CRUISERS' RACE.—Handicap. Limited crews, under S.A.S. Club rules. Mainsail, jib, and topsail, no booming out. Course: From Orient buoy, round pilelight off Watson's Bay and Shark Island, thence round flagmark moored off flagship, back round Shark Island, and finish between gunboat and flagship. Prizes: First, £7; second, £3; third, £1.
Gilleena (L. Patrick), 7m ... 1
Salome (O. B. Dibbs), 6m ... 2
Lina (F. A. Lomer), scr ... 3
Other starters: Olive, 25ft (H. Walters), scr; Mimosa, 25ft (Captain Christiansen), 1½m; Varuna, 22ft (T. Elliott), 8m; Doreen, 20ft (J. Walters), 13m. The final times in this race were:—Gilleena, 5h 20m 15s; Salome, 5h 21m 5s; Lina, 5h 22m 15s; Mimosa, 5h 2m 30s; Olive, 5h 25m 30s; Doreen, 5h 28m 10s.

ALL BOATS.—Handicap. Skiffs excepted. Sails limited, unlimited crews. Course: From Orient buoy, round pilelight off Watson's Bay and Shark Island, thence round flagmark moored off flagship, round Shark Island, and finish at flagship. Prizes: First, £5; second, £3; third, £2; fourth, £1.
Federal (N. Henry), 14m ... 1
Grace Darling (T. Booth), 9m ... 2
Keriki (O. Taylor), scr ... 3
Comet (J. Buchan), 10m ... 4
Other entries: Effie (R. Crealey), ¾m; Bolar-Barrawal (E. Pearce), 2m; Plover (J. Francis), 5m; Lottie (G. Murray), 6m; Acme (W. Dunn), 7m; Massilia (W. Jones), 7m; Desdemona (A. C. Roberts), 7m; Violet (T. M'Cready), Eva (F. Hopkinson), 8m; Atalanta (S. Hubbard), 8m; Mavis (F. W. Moppett), 9m; Winifred (E. H. Doods), 10m; Evatred (F. Wheatley), 10m; Idothea (T. Toober), 12m; Anne (R. Croft), 13m; Elsie (J. Giffin), 13m; Tasman (E. Terry), 14m; Ivy (R. Crawford), San Toy (F. Danby), 15m; Wilhelmine (J. Robinson), Arawa (W. Eastwood), 16m; Delhi (R. S. Benham), 17m; Reliance (W. Douglas), 18m; Wonerah (A. Adams), 19m; Freda (F. Heron), 20m. The race was won easily by Federal, but there was only 16s between second and third at the finish, the times crossing the line being:—Federal, 5h 3(?)m 5s; Grace Darling, 5h 42m 27s; Keriki, 5h 42m 37s; Comet, 5h 43m 50s; Violet, 5h 44m 30s; Reliance, 5h 45m; Wilhelmine, 5h 45m 30s; Acme, 5h 45m 44s; Eva, 5h 46m 35s; Effie, 5h 46m 50s.

SAILING SKIFFS.—Handicap. Jib and mainsail only; no booming out. P.J.S.S. rules. Course—From Orient buoy, round pile light off Watson's Bay and Shark Island, thence round flagmark moored off flagship, round P. and O. buoy, and finish at flagship. Prizes—First, £6; second, £3; third, £2; fourth, £1.
Venus (K. Hardiman), 4m ... 1
Spindrift (W. Pollock), 1¼m ... 2
Truant (C. Fisher), ½m ... 3
Fern (L. O'Toole), 2¼m ... 4
The others were:—Dearing (H. Rodrick), scr; Osiris (T. Prout), 1m; Ibex (A. Dickison), 1¼m; Greta (J. Paterson), Hubbard (T. Wareham), Kullala (E. C. Croft), Isadore (G. Press), 1¾m; Mercia (C. Denning), 2m; Thrush (R. Beashell), 2¼m; Atrona (J. Graham), 2¼m; Minoru (S. Dearing), 2½m; Native (A. Audsley), 3m; Narcelle (H. Green), 3¼m; Planet (H. Price), Stella (P. Mills), 3¼m; Meta (W. Drake), 4m; Osprey (T. Lennie), 6m. As usual the skiffs presented a pretty sight. The finishing times were:—Venus, 6h 1m 45s; Spindrift, 6h 3m 50s; Truant, 6h 4m 5s; Meta, 6h 4m 5s; Fern, 6h 5m 55s; Ibex, 6h 6m 5s. Stella was disqualified at the start, and therefore lost fourth prize.

INTERSTATE BOATS, 18ft.—Handicap. Course—Same as morning race for interstate boats. Prizes—First, £12; second, £5; third, £3; fourth, £2.
Nimrod (C. Hayes), 4¼m ... 1
Livonia (J. T. Robinson), 4¼m ... 2
Vision (W. J. Duncan, junr.), 4¼m ... 3
Donnelly (G. Holmes), 4¼m ... 4
Other entries:—Oweenee (T. M. Banks), scr; Australian (C. Webb), Eileen (W. Read), ¾m; Cygnus (W.A.) (C. Garland), 2¼m; Crescent (C. Dunn), Scot (P. Cowie), Arthur (J. Smith), 4½m; Ariell (Q.) (H. Drake), Lillian (G. Degan), Famous (T. Colebrook, senr.), 5¼m; Sunny South (W. Parcell), 5½m; Zena (J. M. Firth), 6½m; Mona (R. Robinson), Advance (H. E. Thompson), 7m; Ben-My-Chree (E. Brown), 9m. Mona went to the front on the work to the lightship, but Livonia took up the running before reaching the mark off the flagship, where the order was Livonia, Vision, Mona, Nimrod, Donnelly, Arthur, Advance, Scot, Famous, Australian, Eileen, Oweenee, Zena, Crescent, Cygnus, and Ariell. Nimrod went to the front the second time round, and at the finish the times were taken thus:—Nimrod, 6h 7m 55s; Livonia, 6h 8m 25s; Vision, 6h 8m 42s; Donnelly, 6h 8m 55s; Mona, 6h 9m 15s; Arthur, 6h 9m 20s; Advance 6h 9m 40s; Australian, 6h 11m; Eileen, 6h 11m 15s; Oweenee, 6h 12m 10s; Cygnus, 6h 12m 20s; Ariell not timed.

MOTOR BOAT EVENTS.
Boats 8 m.p.h. and under.
Kiwi (R. Holmes), £2, 13¼m ... 1
Baby Sims (H. A. Debenham), £1, 16¼m ... 2
Other entries:—Gingle (R. Scott) and Auto Go (R. Prevost), scr; Fay and Bowen (G. R. Norman), 1½m; Neme (H. A. Mott), 4½m; Dandy (Pritchard Bros.), 4m 50s. Won by 1s, the finishing times being:—Kiwi, 2h 49m; Baby Sims, 2h 49m 1s; Auto Go, 2h 55m; Fay and Bowen, 2h 55m 30s; Dandy, 2h 55m 41s; Neme, 2h 57m 11s.

Boats 8 m.p.h. to 16 m.p.h.
Isabel (J. J. Daley), £3, 20m ... 1
Lilly (S. Arnott), £1, 15m ... 2
Other entries:—Fou the Noo (G. E. Sanderson), scr; Zephyr (Pritchard Bros.), 12½m; Aiglon (M. Seloase), 12m; Kelvin (R. W. Pearson), 16m; Dora (W. C. Crawford), 19m. The finishing times were:—Isabel, 3h 38m 27s; Lilly, 3h 39m 25s; Kailoa, 3h 41m 48s; Aiglon, 3h 43m 58s; Zephyr, 3h 45m 26s; Dora, 3h 47m.

Boats over 16 m.p.h.
Frou Frou (J. H. Hinchcliff), £4, 24¼m ... 1
Chou Chou (H. F. Markell), £2, 23¼m ... 2
Knoxspatz (W. Chas. Moseley), scr, was the other entrant. Won by 12s.

THE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT.

FARMERS GIVE HEARTY SUPPORT.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of delegates to the Commonwealth Council of Farmers' Organisations was resumed this morning.

Mr. W. A. Ewers (N.S.W.) moved.—"(1) That in the opinion of this conference it is imperative, in the interests of Federal and State finances, and the cultivation of a Federal spirit, that the Commonwealth Constitution Act be amended to provide for the stable adjustment of finances between the Federal and State Governments. (2) That such adjustments be upon the basis of return to the States of 25s per head of population, as agreed between the Federal Government and State Premiers, and approved by the Federal Legislature. (3) That in view of the determined opposition of the Federal Labour party and the political labour leagues to the adoption of the financial agreement, and the insidious motives underlying such opposition, members of the Interstate Federal Farmers' Organisation be strongly urged to give the said agreement their heartiest support at the approaching referendum."

Mr. T. I. Campbell (N.S.W.) said that their organisation must demonstrate to the primary producers that they should give uncompromising support to those representatives who were in favour of the agreement. He hoped that in New South Wales Messrs. Bruce Smith, Wilks, and Willis would be opposed owing to their action when the fusion was at stake. He trusted that even Mr. W. H. Irvine, who had to be approved on account of his past record, would give way and yield to the agreement his support.

Mr. R. Patten, M.L.C. (N.S.W.) said that the States should not regard each other as foreigners.

Mr. Fuss (S.A.): I hope you will feel that way about the Northern Territory.

The motion was carried unanimously.

CHALLENGE TO MR. HUGHES.

MR. HOLLAND AT WEST SYDNEY.

ATTACK ON THE LABOUR PARTY.

A LIVELY MEETING.

"He is a traitor!"
"You are a liar!"

The first speaker was Mr. Peter Bowling, at Miller's Point last night, and his reference was to Mr. Hughes, M.P. The crowd numbered about 400, and it was divided on the question. Throughout the evening, the greater part of which was taken up by Mr. Harry Holland, the socialist candidate for the West Sydney seat in the Representatives, there were frequent interruptions.

"You have been fooled by the Labour party," was another shaft Mr. Bowling discharged.

"I'll vote for the Labour candidate if he is a Chinaman!" The interjection this time came from an inebriated man, who swayed backwards and forwards in a combined effort to keep his feet and give emphasis to his words. A lady of the Kent-street democracy joined in, and declared in a shrill voice that "Hughes is a better man than you, any day."

The speaker's retort was mild. "God forgive you for saying it," he replied. The iniquities of the Labour party—the Liberal party was considered outside the range of polite discussion—were then referred to for a space without interruption. The terms Wade and M'Gowen and Labour and capitalism were held to be synonymous. The goods were falsely labelled. They were not getting, in Mr. M'Gowen and his party, Labour at all. As a fact, they were eating dead dog served up as poultry. The Labour party had betrayed the workers over and over again in their battles.

But the shadow of Mr. Hughes was ever before the speaker. A return to the personal attack was inevitable. "He voted in the strike congress for the men to come out to—me. And he did fool me. He fooled you—working men."

This declaration was received by the crowd with mixed feelings. But those in agreement were sufficiently demonstrative to illustrate a decisive cleavage in the Labour stronghold. From this stage throughout, another bibulous individual goaded the speaker on to further abuse of Mr. Hughes. He was spreadeagled against the wall of an hotel, and intoned his unvaried interjection at intervals after the fashion of a "bottle oh" man. Every now and again it burst forth, "Hughes is a blackleg." And on each occasion the democratic Kent-street lady replied, "Mr. Hughes is a gentleman."

Mr. Bowling towards the end of his speech touched on matters sub-judice, and assumed that to-day he would be going to gaol. But he said that he would "go down fighting Wade," and that he would "come again and win." His only other significant remark was that he was "led to believe" that the fight at Newcastle was "only just beginning."

Mr. Holland followed on much the same lines as Mr. Bowling, with the variance of a challenge to Mr. Hughes to meet him in public debate in the Town Hall. He promised Mr. Hughes a warm time if he could get him there. The point he drove home hardest was that Mr. Hughes had stopped strike pay going to wharf-lumpers' wives and children on account of disobedience to the strike congress.

A lady who addressed the meeting, Mrs. Lynch, gave to Mr. Hughes a new name—"Trixie Hughes." She poured out the vials of her wrath in terms of "traitor and blackleg" amid frequent interruption from the other democratic lady. Things were lively for a while, and then she proposed a motion that the straight-out socialist be supported. About half the crowd help up their hands, the others abstaining from the vote, and the motion was declared carried.

SULTRY WEATHER INLAND.

COOL CHANGE SHORTLY EXPECTED.

In the interior of the State yesterday intense heat was experienced, numbers of stations reporting temperatures exceeding 100 degrees. In the city the weather, though very warm, was not particularly oppressive, the maximum reading of the thermometer at the Weather Bureau being but 82 degrees. The percentage of humidity, however, was somewhat high. The wind during the day was from the direction of ENE, and reached a velocity of 18 miles an hour. The highest temperatures officially reported yesterday were:—

	Degrees.		Degrees.
Wentworth	110	Albury	103
Deniliquin	107	Broken Hill	102
Wilcannia	106	Condobolin	102
Hay	106	Cooma	91
Hillston	106	Walgett	91
Wagga	104		

A few light showers fell on parts of the extreme north coast during Tuesday night, the records ranging from 2 to 12 points. Rain was still falling yesterday morning at Byron Bay.

The meteorologist says that the hot and sultry conditions at present being experienced over a large area will shortly be followed by a cool southerly change, which will first of all affect the north-eastern districts. Rain, associated with thunder, may be expected on parts of the coast and over the highlands.

DEATH FROM HEAT APOPLEXY.

During the afternoon a free labourer named Armstrong, who was handling the cargo on the German steamer Prince Sigismund, was affected by heat apoplexy, and fell down unconscious. He was taken by the Civil Ambulance to Sydney Hospital, where he died last night.

YOUNG MAN DROWNED.

PERTH (W.A.), Wednesday.

Charles Brown, 22, was drowned on Cottesloe beach while bathing with his younger brother Leonard. Deceased was overcome by the force of the current, and Leonard went to his assistance, but was seized by the drowning man in such a tight embrace that he had great difficulty in freeing himself, and was terribly exhausted when he struggled back into shallow water. Deceased had then disappeared. Some time afterwards the body was recovered 20 yards from the shore.

FORT NEPEAN GUN ACCIDENT.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Minister for Defence (Mr. Joseph Cook) has appointed Col. Wallace, officer commanding the R.A.A. in New South Wales, to inquire into the recent big gun accident at Fort Nepean, when 13 men were injured by the premature explosion of the charge.

UNIVERSITY CRICKET.

MELBOURNE LEADS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The match between the Universities of Melbourne and Sydney was continued to-day. Melbourne took the score to 347, Hailes and Waters adding 55. The Sydney men replied with 290—57 fewer runs. Minnett, Williams, Massie, M'Elhone, and Terry—who made 22 in 13 minutes, five of his strokes reaching the boundary—all batted well. Minnett, who was in 2 hours 35 minutes, scored the last 52 in the hour. He hit seven 4's. M'Elhone got two 4's in his 53; he might have been stumped at 26. The match will be continued to-morrow. Scores:—

Melbourne University.—First Innings.

C. W. Miller, c Broughton, b Single	22
F. A. H. Boynton, c Single, b Minnett	90
W. L. Jack, c M'Elhone, b M'Intosh	12
F. R. Kerr, b Minnett	4
R. Matthews, b Ducker	34
L. Darby, c M'Elhone, b M'Intosh	80
E. R. Cordner, c James, b M'Intosh	34
A. O'Hara Wood, b M'Intosh	4
W. A. Hailes, b Ducker	44
A. J. Waters, not out	17
R. P. M'Meekin, b Ducker	0
Sundries	11
Total	347

Bowling.—Terry, none for 40; Single, one for 55; M'Intosh, four for 52; Ducker, three for 23; Minnett, two for 80; Broughton, none for 89.

Sydney.—First Innings.

J. A. James, c Waters, b M'Meekin	5
O. B. Williams, b Matthews	40
F. E. M'Elhone, c Waters, b Darby	53
R. B. Minnett, c Miller, b M'Meekin	108
W. S. Ducker, c Miller, b Darby	7
J. R. Lane, c O'Hara Wood, b Darby	1
H. H. Massie, b Kerr	21
G. D. M'Intosh, b Darby	3
L. C. Terry, b Matthews	22
C. V. Single, b M'Meekin	14
N. W. Broughton, not out	0
Sundries	16
Total	290

Bowling.—Matthews, two for 66; M'Meekin, two for 49; Kerr, one for 55; Darby, four for 49; Cordner, none for 53.

Melbourne.—Second Innings.

C. W. Miller, not out	11
A. J. Waters, not out	15
Sundries	4
No wickets for	30

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DRUIDS' GALA.

THE PROCESSION.

A SPLENDID DISPLAY.

SPORTS AND AMUSEMENTS.

With much pomp and circumstance, the blare of many brass instruments, and the lavish display of symbols, the Grand United Ancient Order of Druids yesterday proclaimed the might and strength of their order. Every phase bearing upon Druidism, from the days when the mystic rites were performed in Britain's oak groves to the modern adaptation, which could be conveniently portrayed, was represented as faithfully as the ingenuity of the participants could devise—from Stonehenge to the twentieth century. It follows that the nation's sea spirit should find allegorical expression. This was given in the skin-covered coracle, Nelson's flagship, and a modern floating fort. White-bearded Druids, Druids with long black beards, priestesses, skin-clad barbarians, a queen of the Britons, Roman warriors, gladiators, chain-mailed men-at-arms and foresters, to characters in modern garb, took a part. For the rest, gaily-decked lorries drawn by magnificent teams—sometimes 10 horses—tableaux, banners, and music completed a very creditable display.

Some of the incidents of the procession's progress were not without their humour. It made the crowd laugh when a venerable-looking Druid calmly removed his sporran-like beard to wipe the moisture off his face. "Could you keep one down?" was a sympathetic onlooker's query. And when a magnificent gladiator, standing in aggressive attitude on a car, hove in sight, wearing a cuirass several sizes too large, some facetious spectator yelled out, "You're coming out of your shell," while another drily remarked, "'Ow's that for a neck-to-knee?" There was no lack of appreciative comment, however, on the part of the crowd which thronged the route from York-street to the Royal Agricultural Ground.

In yesterday's procession there were about a dozen displays. Each was symbolical of something pertaining to the aims, characters, and objects of Druidism. The first prize for best show went to No. 1 district, which comprised the Pioneer, Prince Alfred, Mistletoe, and Southern Cross. The president of the district is Mr. S. J. Middlemiss, and the secretary Mr. W. E. Williams. This display was a splendid representation of Australia past and present—the past being portrayed by an aboriginal group, and the present by a study in which Australia was seen crowning the Druid order as the most progressive friendly society. Second prize went to No. 8 district—the Balmain lodges—which showed the conquest of Mona. No. 3 district gained the third prize, which signified the Druid sacrifice. The fourth prize was awarded to No. 9 district. In this appeared the Queen of Benevolence. The design was well worked out in fibrous plaster, and represented a dome supported on four Corinthian columns, with the Queen looking down majestically upon the bards which surrounded her. No. 5 district was more modern in design, and represented a Dreadnought. The No. 7 district represented the Druid of all Nations, and was particularly good. So much so, in fact, that it was awarded a special prize by the judges themselves. The other districts had all displays, which evoked considerable enthusiasm.

At the Agricultural Grounds a sports and athletic and amusement programme was carried out in the presence of about 7000 people. The principal events were in cycling and athletics, most of which were brilliantly contested. The Wilson half-mile wheel race was the first item. It was run off in nine heats and a final, the latter being won by A. C. Weston, who beat Owens by a wheel, with Moody close up third. The Patterson half-mile, for League riders, followed, and it was a gift for E. H. Rodgers, who defeated J. Howell by a foot, with Anderson filling third position. The Watt handicap followed, and in this Percy Mutton, the local champion, took part, but failed to score owing to severe handicap. It was won by R. H. Bowles from A. S. Tayler, the latter beating L. Vincent, a local rider. In the Dalziel (League) half-mile the champion, G. Horder, and others appeared to advantage, and aroused the enthusiasm of the crowd by their daring riding and magnificent finishes. The final of this race was another victory for E. H. Rodgers, who scored his double in hollow fashion, C. Wilson being second, and Caffrey third, close up. The Druids' wheel race, a two-mile handicap, was then run off. It was the most important item of the day, £25 prize-money being allotted to the successful competitors. It was decided in five heats, and resulted in a victory for J. Howell, a limit man, who beat two other limit riders in W. Cotterill and J. O. Tickner respectively. The final wheel race was the five miles scratch contest, called the Barry after Alderman R. A. Barry, grand treasurer of the Druids. This important race was won by George Horder, with C. Dickson second and H. C. Burnage third.

Of the athletic events, the chief was the one mile handicap for members of N.S.W. A.A.A. This contest proved one of the most magnificent displays of pedestrian effort seen in the State for some time. The winner turned up in young T. J. Wood, brother of the champion, who is being sent abroad, who simply romped away, and finally beat Fish after a desperate finish. The 220yds New South Wales championship was another grand race, and resulted in a victory for J. Birch, with Campbell second, and Davis third.

The running events set aside for ladies, married and single, were ludicrous, and it is questionable if the competitors showed to advantage with their dresses and hair flying. The events, however, were fought out in most spirited fashion, though in some instances the programme was slightly delayed in settling claims and counter claims of victory.

The amusement part of the programme, including greasy pole, pillow fighting, sack races, etc, were all thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

Following are the results:—

CYCLING.

Wilson Half-mile Handicap, for members of New South Wales Cyclists' Union; prizes, open orders.—Heat winners: O. S. Owens, 100yds; L. Vincent, 60yds; A. T. Taylor, 55yds; H. S. Birch, 45yds; A. C. Weston, 45yds; F. Post, 65yds; F. E. Brown, 50yds; E. J. Willis, 65yds; J. Moody, 75yds. Final: A. C. Weston, 45yds, 1; O. S. Owens, 100yds, 2; J. Moody, 75yds, 3. Won by a wheel. Time, 1m 1s.

Patterson Half-mile, for League riders; prizes £5, £2, and £1.—Heat winners: C. Wilson, 70yds; J. Howell, 80yds; C. Cassidy, 55yds; N. J. Hansen, 90yds; F. Bennassal, 80yds. Final: E. H. Rodgers, 60yds, 1; J. Howell, 80yds, 2; C. Anderson, 90yds, 3. Won easily. Time, 1m 2.5s.

Boys' Bicycle Race, 1m; prizes, £1, 10s, and 5s.—Final: A. Taylor, 1; S. Edwards, 2; F. Paine, 3. Won by 5yds. Time, 2m 31 2-5s.

Watt Handicap, 1m (amateurs).—Heat winners: A. S. Taylor, C. C. Cooper, E. Braden, O. A. G. Smith, H. E. Lofts, P. Mutton, R. H. Bowles. Final: R. H. Bowles, 28yds, 1; A. S. Taylor, 170yds, 2; L. Vincent, 180yds, 3. Won by four lengths. Time, 2m 24 4-5s.

Dalziel One Mile Handicap (League of Wheelmen).—Heat winners: C. Wilson, P. B. Caffrey, E. H. Rodgers, C. Cassidy, J. Buckley. Final: E. H. Rodgers, 120yds, 1; C. Wilson, 140yds, 2; P. B. Caffrey, 140yds, 3. Won by a wheel. Time, 2m 9s.

Druids' Wheel Race, 2m (League). First prize, £20; second, £3; third, £2; lap prizes, 2s 6d.—Heat winners: J. O. Tickner, C. Wilson, F. R. Ray, W. Cotterell, J. Buckley.

Final.

J. Howell, 280yds	1
W. Cotterell, 300yds	2
J. O. Tickner, 300yds	3

Won by inches. Time, 4m 26s.

Barry Scratch Race, 5m; prizes, £7, £2, and £1.—G. H. Horder, 1; C. Dickson, 2; H. C. Burnage, 3. Fifteen competitors. Mullins led for 8 laps. Horder made his effort in the last turn and although tackled by Dickson he beat the latter easily; Burnage was close up third. Time, 12m 6 1-5s.

ATHLETICS.

Boys, under 12, 75yds Handicap.—Final: F. Peters, 1; A. M'Cabe, 2.

Girls, under 12, 75yds Handicap.—Alva Giles, 1; A. Peters, 2.

Boys, under 16, 75yds Handicap.—H. Hellier, 1; W. Campbell, 2.

Girls, under 16, 75yds Handicap.—R. Devine, 1; E. Fay, 2.

Single Ladies Race, 75yds Handicap.—P. Meredith, 1; L. Meredith, 2; M. Best, 3.

Married Ladies' Race, 50yds Handicap.—Mrs. Crowe, 1; Mrs. F. Dennam, 2; Mrs. Baxter, 3.

100yds Friendly Society's Handicap, for members.—Final: C. H. Morris, 8½yds, 1; A. O. Harvey, 6yds, 2.

Old Buffers' Race.—Final: J. Wiggins, 1; S. Smith, 2; C. White, 3.

Three-legged Race.—W. and R. Campbell, 1; Lewis and Clissold, 2.

Friendly Society's Walking Handicap, 1m.—Final: E. H. Elliott, 45s, 1; C. C. Bishop, 50s, 2; W. E. Corlan, 10s, 3. Won by three lengths. Time, 8m 5s.

Potato Race.—J. H. Burns, 1; G. Campbell, 2.

Obstacle Race for boys under 16.—W. Campbell, 1; G. Campbell, 2; R. Campbell, 3. The Campbells "came" in this race.

100yds Handicap for Members of N.S.W. A.A.A.—Heat-winners: A. W. Blake, R. J. O'Donnell, H. J. Mills, H. Fitzmaurice, A. C. Winter, O'Plunkett. Final: A. O. Harvey, 5½yds, 1; O. Plunkett, 8yds, 2; H. J. Mills, 5yds, 3. Won by a length; inches second and third. Time, 10 1-5s.

Tug-of-war.—Final: No. 10 District, 1; No. 8 District, 2.

One-mile Handicap, for Members of N.S.W. A.A.A.

T. J. Wood (S.S.H.), 55yds	1
W. O. Fisk (R.H.), 75yds	2
E. W. Morris (N.S.H.), 80yds	3

Twenty-three started. The pace was a clinker from the start. A. Wood, the back-marker, made the running fast, and gradually overhauled most of the men in front, but could not head Morris, Fisk, and his brother, who were bunched 250yds from home. At the last bend Fisk was passed by Morris and Wood, jun. Morris was in front, and led by a length. He looked all over a winner 25yds from the post, when young Wood fairly flew, and pipped him on the post. Fitz was third, and A. Wood a good fourth. Time, 4m 33 1-5s.

Druids' Obstacle Race.—Wotton, 1; C. Keys, 2; Glover, 3.

220yds Championship of New South Wales.

Final:

J. Birch	1
M. Campbell	2
F. Davies	3

A magnificent display of speed and pluck, the winner romping home after a desperate race with Campbell by a yard. Davies was close up third. Time, 23 3-5s.

Musical Chairs on Cycles.—D. Kirk, 1; J. Weston, 2.

Open Obstacle Race, 440yds.—W. J. Shortland, 1; W. Wray, 2; O. E. Giles, 3.

Carry-your-chum Race.—Enright and Climold, 1; Edwards and Rich, 2.

Cleaving Turk's Head.—O. E. Giles, 1; no second.

Walking Greasy Pole.—A. Heppell, 1; S. Edwards, 2; S. Green, 3.

Pillow Fight.—J. Heppell, 1; S. Edwards, 2; W. Enright, 3.

Sack Race.—R. Campbell, 1; G. Campbell, 2; P. Campbell, 3. Once more the Campbells were coming.

Umbrella Race.—O. E. Giles, 1; W. Shortland, 2; L. Climold, 3.

FEDERAL POLITICS.

NORTH SYDNEY LIBERALS.

MR. G. B. EDWARDS SELECTED.

Yesterday determined the selection of a candidate in the Liberal interest to represent North Sydney in the next Federal Parliament. There were five candidates offering themselves for selection, namely—Messrs. H. B. Bignold, G. B. Edwards, S. E. Isaacs, E. MacFarlane, and D. D. Middleton. During the past few months each has addressed meetings of the electors in the various centres of the electorate, and a close poll was anticipated. There were 1462 electors enrolled as members of the Federal Liberal League and kindred associations having a voice in the selection, and as they were asked to vote for each of the candidates in the order of preference, the ballot-papers in this form presented a formidable task to the returning officer (Mr. John Carter) and the scrutineers.

A start was made on the count before noon, but it was not until 11.30 p.m. that the result was made known. It was then announced that the poll on the first count gave Mr. Edwards a majority, which, however, was not an absolute one. But the second count gave him the selection, Mr. Bignold being his closest opponent. The actual figures will not be available until to-day.

SOUTH SYDNEY.

A largely-attended meeting of the South Sydney labour leagues was held in Redfern Town Hall on Monday. Mr. F. J. Page, M.L.A., was present, also the Mayor and Mayoress of Redfern, Alderman and Mrs. Leitch. It being the first general meeting since the selection of a Labour candidate, more than usual interest was manifested. The following resolution was carried unanimously:—"That this meeting expresses the utmost confidence in Mr. Riley, the selected Labour candidate, and all present pledge themselves to unite in the securing of his return." Mr. Simon Hickey was re-elected president, and Mr. John Fletcher was elected secretary.

SIR JOHN FORREST'S SEAT.

PERTH (W.A.), Wednesday.

Mr. P. O'Loghlen, Labour member for Forrest in the Legislative Assembly, has decided, at the request of the Australian Labour Federation, to contest the Swan seat in opposition to Sir John Forrest.

CAMPAIGN IN QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

Mr. J. J. Doyle, secretary of the Coal-lumpers' Union, has been endorsed as the Labour candidate for Brisbane at the Federal elections.

TALLOW SALES.

LONDON, Jan. 26.

At the sales of Australian and New Zealand tallow to-day 850 casks were offered, and 650 were sold. Prices were unchanged, viz.:—Mutton, fine 37/3, medium 23/3; beef, fine 35/9, medium 32/3 per cwt.

THE WINKERS CAME OFF.

RESULT OF A BOLT.

DUNGOG, Wednesday.

A young man named Walter Cluley met with a painful accident yesterday. While driving in a springcart on his father's dairy farm near Dungog the winkers came off the horse, which bolted, the driver being thrown out. He sustained severe bruises and a fracture of one of his legs. The sufferer was removed to the local hospital for treatment.

CASUALTIES.

KNOCKED OFF A TRAM.

About 12.30 p.m. yesterday Peter Pollard, 18, labourer, residing at Jersey-avenue, Penshurst, was riding on the footboard of a Bondi tram in Elizabeth-street. When the tram was approaching Park-street he endeavoured to pass along the footboard to another compartment, when a car coming in the opposite direction struck him, and knocked him off. The Civil Ambulance conveyed him to Sydney Hospital, where Dr. Parker admitted him suffering from a fracture of the right leg and a scalp wound.

WHARF LABOURER'S DEATH.

About 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon a wharf labourer, was working on the German mail steamer Seydlitz, lying at the Circular Quay, unloading mineral ore. He was at the bottom of the hold, and a sling containing 20 bags of ore had been sent up, when, it is alleged, the sling broke, and the bags fell back into the hold, a distance of about 40ft. They fell on the man, who was brought on deck as speedily as possible, and examined by the ship's doctor. Life was then extinct. The Civil Ambulance were summoned, and were promptly in attendance. The body was removed to the Morgue. The man's name is not known with certainty. After the accident the men on the steamer were mustered, and the roll called. H. Martin did not reply.

A SWING ACCIDENT.

The rope of a swing broke at Balmoral, and Violet George, a girl of 15, who was on the swing, was knocked against a tree. Her head was cut in places, and the girl was taken to Sydney Hospital by the Civil Ambulance, where her wounds were treated. Her home is in Franklin-street, Glebe.

OPIUM POISONING.

Last night the Civil Ambulance took Mrs. Annie Keenan, aged 27, from her home in East-street, Surry Hills, to Prince Alfred Hospital. She was suffering from the effects of doses of opium, and her condition is serious.

BURNING ACCIDENT.

The window curtains at W. Braitling's residence, Kingston-street, Haberfield, caught fire last night through coming in contact with the gas. Mrs. Braitling was burnt about the face and hands attempting to put out the flames. The fire spread in the room, and was put out by the fire brigade. No great damage was done.

THROWN FROM A HORSE.

GOSFORD, Wednesday.

A shocking accident happened on Tuesday to a lad named Hughes, who was thrown from a horse and sustained serious injuries to the head and face, the latter being fearfully lacerated. The unfortunate lad was removed to Sydney Hospital by train in an unconscious state.

LITTLE BOY DROWNED.

PAMBULA, Wednesday.

Percival Longhurst (2), son of Mr. James Longhurst, was accidentally drowned to-day in a swamp a few yards away from his parents' residence. The mother of the little chap found him in water about 15in deep, face downwards. All efforts to restore animation were unsuccessful.

A FATAL FALL.

BLAYNEY, Wednesday.

William Torr, a resident of Orange, and a carpenter by trade, fell off a bicycle on the Orange road, about one mile out, about two days ago, and expired. The cause of death was concussion of the brain.

THROWN FROM A CAB.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

A cabdriver named Richard Nash was admitted to the hospital this afternoon suffering from concussion of the brain. He had been driving his cab along Pacific-street, when the horse shied, and he was thrown from his seat. His injuries are of a rather serious nature.

NEW COLLIER.

ARRIVAL OF THE UNDOLA.

Still another addition to the large and ever-increasing fleet of locally-owned colliers was made yesterday by the arrival of the Undola from her builders' yards at Paisley, Scotland, after a voyage of 76 days.

The Undola was specially designed and built to the order of the Coal Cliff Collieries, Limited, and will be employed in carrying coal from the southern mines to bunker steamers in Sydney Harbour. She is a vessel of 429 tons gross and of 185 tons net, her principal dimensions being:—Length, 135ft; breadth, 27ft 1in; and depth, 10ft 7in.

The machinery of the Undola, which has been installed in the after part of the vessel, consists of a set of compound surface-condensing engines, built by Ross and Duncan, of Glasgow. The Undola was launched from the yards of Messrs. J. Fullerton and Co., at Paisley, in October, and has been fitted with all the latest appliances for the rapid handling of coal cargoes.

The Undola will be placed in commission as soon as the strike at the southern collieries has been declared off.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Jan. 26.

Eastern, s, 2586 tons, Captain M'Arthur, from Kobe and Mogi (Japan), Hongkong, Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cairns, Townsville, and Brisbane. Passengers—Mr. W. G. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Dudley, Mr. and Miss Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Burch, Mrs. J. Kennedy Gibson, Miss J. Mawson, Mr. A. Warren, Mr. E. H. Parker, Mr. H. F. Shadforth, Mrs. J. A. Pattie and child, Mr. Carson, Rev. Bro. Kuypers, Rev. Bro. Van Erven, Rev. Father A. Julien, Miss E. George, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart 4 children and maid, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Maplestone, Mrs. Torrance. For Melbourne: Mrs. M. Colquhoun-Craig, Mr. J. F. Sue Kee, Mr. J. Chung Leong, Miss A. V. Brown, Colonel H. Foster, Rev. L. Arnold. For Adelaide: Mr. A. W. Jolly, Mrs. C. E. Gore, Mrs. O. C. Witherden, Mrs. E. Lutton, Miss Camac, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. P. Little, and infant, Miss Forrest, Mr. F. Schandy, Miss Hogarth, and 42 in other classes for all ports. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., agents.

Atua, s, 3444 tons, Captain J. P. Jordan, from Auckland, Tonga, Samoa, and Suva and Momi (Fiji). Passengers—Misses Hedstrom, Shierling, Thomas, Stanborough, Carter, Callaghan, Watson (2), McCaig, Quoltrong, Hearne, Rossley, Butten, Fowler, Low, and Belalinza, Mesdames Harman and children, Morris, Hedstrom and 2 children, Kraft, Gosling, Reid and child, Smith, Small, Walker, De Mole, Thomas and child, Ogilvie and child, Davis, Storck and 2 children, Love, Gale, and Harrison, Messrs. Archdeacon Foster, Brown, M'Kay, Eake, Harman, Premuller, Hon. J. Hedstrom, Gibbs, Campbell, Menzus, Koch, Baker, Smith, Rev. Small, Hon. A. Combrough, Huon, Bayly, De Mole, Davis, Boulter, Tarleton, Allen, Gale, Stirling, Andrews, Smith, Holmes, Peterson, Collopie, Middleton, Wanner, Ranshan, Young and son, Collis, Ah Ngu, Carmichael, Harrison, Parker, Beattie, Carson, Jenson, Forrest, and Mar Choy, Masters Cleary, Morris, Hedstrom, Philpott, Huon, Sunderland, Stanborough (2), Watson, Kennedy. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Lomond, s, 424 tons, Captain J. Leslie, from Paisley (Scotland), via Port Said and Fremantle. Southern Coal-owners' Agency, agents.

Quito, s, 2363 tons, Captain Young, from Calcutta. J. G. White, agent.

Hunter, s, 1840 tons, Captain Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and H.R. S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Corra Lynn, s, 151 tons, Captain Ferguson, from the Manning River, via Newcastle, with a punt in tow. Langley Bros., agents.

Wandra, s, 150 tons, Captain Callaghan, from Moruya. Allen Taylor and Co., Ltd., agents.

Commonwealth, s, 168 tons, Captain Driscoll, from Camden Haven. John Breckenridge, agent.

Jan. 27.

Rosedale, s, 274 tons, Captain J. O. Anderson, from Bellinger River. North Coast S.N. Co., Ltd., agents.

DEPARTURES.—Jan. 26.

Kumano Maru, J.M.S., for Yokohama, via ports.
Achilles, s, for Brisbane.
Marere, s, for London, via Auckland.
Maheno, s, for Auckland.
Lahaina, American four-masted bqtn, for San Francisco, via Newcastle.
Koko Head, American four-masted bqtn, for west coast, via Newcastle.
Hymettus, s, for Calcutta, via Newcastle and Brisbane.
Pendle Hill, bqtn, for Newcastle.
Mary Isabel, bqtn, for Dunedin, via Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—Jan. 27.

Manapouri, s, for Lautoka, Suva, and Levuka; Ramornie, s, for the Richmond River; Rosedale, s, for the Bellinger River; Hillmeads, s, for Ulladulla and Moruya; Van der Hagen, s, for Batavia; Hunter, s, for Newcastle.

MOVEMENTS OF OVERSEA STEAMERS.

Koenigin Luise, G.M.S. (Nord-deutscher Lloyd), left Southampton, en route from Bremen, on Monday last for Sydney, via the usual ports.

THE LOSS OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN.

The Marine Court inquiry into the wreck of the Sydney-owned South Australian at Wallis Island a few months ago was concluded at Suva, Fiji, on the 10th inst. The certificate of the master, Captain R. Perry, was suspended for three months for the careless navigation of the vessel.

BREMEN WILL SAIL TO TIME.

The German mail steamer Bremen, of the fleet of the Norddeutscher, which was delayed at Colombo for three days owing to the propeller having been bent, is due here on Feb. 14 from Bremen, via the usual ports. She will sail for Europe on Feb. 26, as advertised, in accordance with the time-table.

SAILING VESSELS DUE.

The following sailing vessels are now due at Sydney:—
Forest Holme, 4-m sch, from Puget Sound—75 days.
General Gordon, 4-m bq, from Monte Video.
James Johnson, 4-m bqtne, from Eureka—54 days.
Lord Shaftesbury, from Tal Tal—61 days.
Penrhyn Castle, bq, from London—99 days.
Rendova, bq, from Bonanza—98 days.
Trio, bq, from Coquimbo—63 days.
Ville de Dijon, bq, from Philadelphia—80 days.
Vimeira, 4-m bq, from Caldera—52 days.

BAR HARBOURS.

The following telegrams were received yesterday respecting the conditions of the various bar harbours:—Harrington, bar 10ft at high water, rise 4ft, inner channel 10ft; Forster, bar 9ft at high water, Tethys (Government dredge) at work on the bar; Port Macquarie, bar 10ft, crossing 9ft 6in, rise of tide 4ft; Tweed Heads, bar a long flat carrying from 7ft 6in to 9ft at high water, rise 4ft 6in, crossing 8ft, heavy break on the bar.

EASTERN FROM JAPAN.—HEAVY WEATHER.

The E. and A. S.S. Company's Eastern mail steamer Eastern arrived from Japan and China yesterday afternoon, and berthed at the Quay. Captain M'Arthur reports that the Eastern left Kobe on Dec. 28, and after a short stay at Moji to bunker proceeded to Hongkong. She experienced a fine-weather run across the China Sea, but on the China coast a heavy north-west gale was encountered, which continued till Hongkong was reached on Jan. 2. The voyage was resumed on Jan. 5, and squally weather with heavy monsoonal rains were continually met with. As this period of the year is the rainy season among the islands, they were all looking very green, and were seen to their best advantage.

The Eastern arrived at Timor on Jan. 13, and left the same day for Port Darwin, where she arrived on Jan. 15, and after a short stay continued the voyage to Thursday Island. Violent thunderstorms and heavy rains were encountered while crossing the Gulf to Thursday Island, where the vessel arrived on Jan. 18. She continued the voyage the same day down the inner route of the Barrier, and fine but exceptionally hot weather was met with on the Queensland coast, and calls were made at Cairns and Townsville.

After rounding Sandy Cape southerly gales with rough seas were met with, and continued till Brisbane was reached on Sunday evening. Leaving Brisbane on Monday evening, it was found to be still blowing hard from the south, with a rough sea on; and these conditions continued until Smoky Cape was rounded.

Notwithstanding the rough weather the Eastern made a good run to Sydney Heads.

THE QUITO FROM CALCUTTA.

The steamer Quito, belonging to Andrew Weir and Co., and commanded by Captain Young, arrived at Sydney yesterday from Calcutta with the first consignment of Indian coal for the Government of N.S.W., and after being granted pratique berthed at Walker's Wharf.

A severe southerly gale was encountered off Cape Moreton, accompanied by very heavy seas, and lasted for 35 hours, considerably retarding the progress of the vessel. Several seas broke on board, and two of the ventilators were damaged.

THE SALE OF THE DALSTON.

Our Noumea correspondent writes:—"The Norwegian barque Dalston has arrived here from South America. She has been bought by the firm of L. Ballandi and Sons, of Bordeaux and Noumea, and will be used for carrying nickel ore along the coast of New Caledonia. Furnaces are now being built for the local treatment of the ore, and the new industry promises to become an important one."

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING.

THURSDAY ISLAND (2000m).—Dep: Jan. 25, Empire, s, for Japan.

GOODE ISLAND (2000m).—Passed Jan. 26, Sultan van Langkat, from Sydney, bound to Japan.

TOWNSVILLE (1177m).—Arr Jan. 26, Aramac, s, from Sydney. Dep Jan. 25, Changsha, s, for Sydney.

ROCKHAMPTON (920m).—Arr: Jan. 26, Timaru, s, from Iron Island. Dep: Jan. 25, Civility, s, for Iron Island. Jan. 25, Wyreema, s, and Burwah, s, both for Brisbane.

MARYBOROUGH (680m).—Arr: Jan. 26, Musgrave, s, for Brisbane.

GLADSTONE (828m).—Dep Jan. 25, Wodonga, s, for Brisbane.

BRISBANE (500m).—Dep Jan. 26, Moresby, s, for the Solomon Islands; Warrego, s, for Townsville.

TWEED HEADS (374m).—Passed: Jan. 26, a 2-mstd. steamer at 4.45 a.m., and a steamer at 6.40 a.m., both south.

BYRON BAY (345m).—Dep: Jan. 25, Orara, s, at 11.30 p.m., for Sydney. Jan. 26, St. George, s, at 7 a.m., for the south. Passed: Jan. 26, Chillagoe, s, at 10.15 a.m., south.

RICHMOND RIVER HEADS (331m).—Arr: Jan. 26, St. George, s, at 9.35 a.m., from Byron Bay. Passed: Jan. 26, a steamer, like Grantala, at 10 a.m., one of the A.U.S.N. Company's steamers at 10.55 a.m., both south.

SOUTH SOLITARY ISLAND (250m).—Passed: Jan. 26, Ophir, R.M.S., at 1 p.m., Wyandra, s, at 5.10 p.m., both north; Noorebar, s, at 7 p.m., south.

BELLINGER HEADS (230m).—Arr: Jan. 26, Antleon, Govt. dredge, at 6.20 a.m., from Port Macquarie.

NAMBUCCA HEADS (223m).—Arr: Jan. 26, Our Elsie, s, at 8.20 a.m., from Sydney.

SMOKY CAPE (206m).—Passed: Jan. 26, Our Elsie, s, at 6.15 a.m., a German steamer at 4.30 p.m., one of the H.I. Company's steamers at 5 p.m., Burringbar, s, at 6 p.m., a steamer at 6 p.m., all north; Orara, s, at 6 p.m., south.

PORT MACQUARIE (174m).—Arr: Jan. 26, Macquarie, s, at 7.15 p.m., from Sydney.

TACKING POINT (167m).—Passed: Jan. 26, a steamer, red funnel, black top, at 1.45 p.m., Cooloon, s, at 6.45 p.m., both north.

CAMDEN HAVEN HEADS (150m).—Dep: Jan. 26, Candidate, ktch, at 7.15 a.m., for Sydney.

CROWDY HEAD (147m).—Passed: Jan. 26, Macquarie, s, at 12.5 p.m., Uralla, s, at 4.15 p.m., both north; a ketch at 12.15 p.m., south.

MANNING HEADS (144m).—Dep: Jan. 26, Boambee, s, at 7.45 a.m., for Sydney.

CAPE HAWKE (125m).—Arr: Jan. 26, Tuncurry, s, at 6 a.m., from Sydney; Tethys, Govt. dredge, at work on the bar. Dep: Jan. 26, Shannon, schr, at 7.40 a.m., for Sydney.

SEAL ROCKS (109m).—Passed: Jan. 26, a large str, at 5.30 a.m., a German str at 6 a.m., a str like Komura at 6.45 a.m., Cavanba, s, at 2 p.m., Nerong, s, at 2.5 p.m., a str, blue funnel, black top, at 3.5 p.m., all north; a ship at 6 a.m., Rosedale, s, at 7 a.m., both south.

PORT STEPHENS (83m).—Arr: Jan. 26, Karuah, s, at 1 a.m., from Sydney. Passed: Jan. 26, Yulgilbar, s, at 6.30 a.m., Nerong, s, at 10 a.m., a North Coast str at 5.30 p.m., all north; Eastern, s, at 7 a.m., a str at 6 a.m., a ketch at 8.30 a.m., a ship, 15 miles east of the light, beating, at 8.30 a.m., Williams, s, at 10 a.m., Commonwealth, s, at 10.45 a.m., Boambee, s, at 5.30 p.m., all south.

NEWCASTLE (62m).—Arr: Jan. 26, Lubra, s, Yulgilbar, s, Namoi, s, Myee, s, Mary Isabel, bqtn, and Pendle Hill, bqtn, all from Sydney; Hawk, s, and Williams, s, both from Port Stephens; Asgard, s, from Eleele; Nogado, ship, from Coquimbo. Dep: Jan. 26, Williams, s, for Sydney; Yulgilbar, s, for the Macleay River; Dauntless, s, for Port Stephens; Swansea, ketch, for Lake Macquarie.

LAKE MACQUARIE HEADS (57m).—Arr: Jan. 26, Swanson, ktch, at 11 a.m., from Newcastle. Dep: Jan. 26, Astral, s, at 7 a.m., for Sydney.

BARRANJOEY (19½m).—Arr: Jan. 26, Hawkesbury, s, at 8 a.m.; Kallawuila, s, at 8 a.m., both from Sydney.

JERVIS BAY (87m).—Passed: Jan. 26, Advance, scow, at 6 p.m., north.

MORUYA HEADS (141m).—Passed: Jan. 26, Poona, s, at 5.10 p.m., north; one of Allen Taylor's steamers at 6.50 a.m., south.

EDEN (210m).—Arr: Jan. 26, Eden, s, at 5.30 a.m., from Sydney. Dep: Jan. 25, Wee Clyde, s, at 8.30 p.m. Jan. 26, Eden, s, at 10 a.m., both for Sydney.

GREEN CAPE (218m).—Passed: Jan. 26, Heaslie, s, at 1.40 p.m., Allinga, s, at 4.25 p.m., both north; Westralia, s, at 8.35 a.m., a steamer, yellow funnel black top, at 10 a.m., a German steamer at 1.40 p.m., Euryalus, s, at 2.50 p.m., all south.

GABO (238m).—Passed: Jan. 26, a steamer, black funnel, at 8.20 a.m., north; Arawatta, s, at 12.50 p.m., a German steamer at 3.20 p.m., Euryalus, s, at 4.40 p.m., all west; Westralia, s, at 10.20 a.m., south.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY (426m).—Passed inward: Jan. 26, Queenscliff, s, at 9.50 a.m., British Monarch, s, at 11.40 a.m., Jason, s, at 4.40 p.m. Passed outward, Jan. 26, Lochee, Russian ship, at 11.30 a.m.

HOBART (548m).—Dep: Jan. 26, Paloona, s, at 5.15 p.m., for Sydney.

MELBOURNE (576m).—Arr: Jan. 26, Cavic, s, from Sydney; Loongana, s, from Launceston; Persia, R.M.S., from London; Caledonien, F.M.S., from Noumea, via Sydney; Bali, German bq, from Hamburg; Cape Finisterre, s, from Puget Sound. Dep: Jan. 26, Cooma, s, for Townsville, via Sydney and ports; Marama, s, for Hobart; Yambacoona, s, for King Island; Riverina, s, for Adelaide; Loongana, s, for Launceston; Persia, R.M.S., and Geelong, s, both for Sydney; Durham, s, for the United Kingdom; Ennerdale, s, for Launceston.

LAUNCESTON (507m).—Dep: Jan. 26, Wakatipu, s, at 5.10 p.m., for Sydney.

DEVONPORT (498m).—Arr: Jan. 26, Oonah, s, from Melbourne. Dep: Jan. 26, Oonah, s, at 2.40 p.m., for Burnie.

STANLEY (552m).—Arr: Jan. 26, Glaucus, s, at 7.10 a.m., from Melbourne.

BURNIE (519m).—Arr: Jan. 26, Toroa, s, at 4 a.m., from Launceston; Oonah, s, at 6.5 a.m., Gladys, s, at 8.20 p.m., all from Stanley. Dep: Jan. 26, Glaucus, s, at 6.40 a.m., for Melbourne. Dep: Jan. 26, Toroa, s, at 6.50 a.m., for Melbourne; Oonah, s, at 8.20 a.m., from Devonport.

ADELAIDE (1084m).—Arr: Jan. 26, Solway, bq, from Philadelphia; Joseph Craig, bq, from Edithburg. Dep: Jan. 26, Berlin, s, for the eastern States; Indradevi, s, for London; Breeze, s, for Edithburg.

PORT PIRIE (1298m).—Arr: Jan. 26, Walton Hall, s, from Melbourne. Dep: Jan. 25, Hampstead, s, for Dunkirk; Clan Fraser, s, for Antwerp.

ALBANY (2100m).—Arr: Jan. 25, Suevic, s, at 6 p.m., from Liverpool. Dep: Jan. 26, Kanowna, s, for Fremantle. Passed: Jan. 26, Longhirst, s, at 9.50 a.m., west.

FREMANTLE (2456m).—Arr: Jan. 25, Kirkfield, s, at 4.25 p.m., from the United Kingdom. Jan. 26, Schwaben, s, at 2.55 a.m., from Bremen; Tiberius, s, at 6.50 a.m., from Albany; Kish, s, at 9.30 a.m., from the eastern States. Dep: Jan. 26, H.M.S. Powerful, at 2.20 p.m., for Sydney.

FIJI SHIPPING.

SUVA (1743m).—Dep: Jan. 26, Makura, R.M.S., for Vancouver, via Honolulu and Victoria (B.C.), en route from Sydney, via Brisbane.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

WELLINGTON (1239m).—Arr: Jan. 26, Manuka, s, from Sydney. Dep: Jan. 25, Rakaia, s, for London. KAIPARA.—Dep: Jan. 26, Louisa Craig, bq, for Melbourne.

NEW CALEDONIAN SHIPPING.

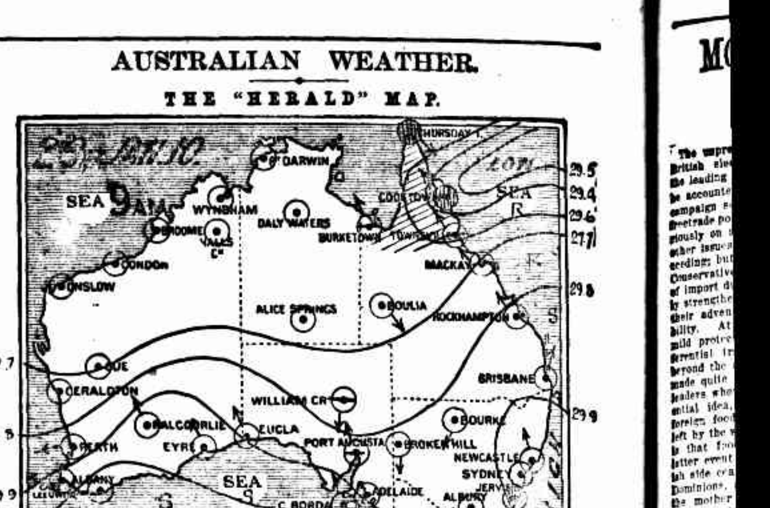
The French steamer Briez Huel arrived at Paagoumene on Jan. 18, in ballast, from Dunkirk, to load ore for the Continent.

The French barque Desaix was despatched from Teoudie on Jan. 18 for Danvers, with 2950 tons of nickel ore.

The Japanese steamer Tayo Maru is expected to arrive at Noumea on Feb. 10 with a cargo of 4000 tons of coal from Japan.

AUSTRALIAN WEATHER.

THE "HERALD" MAP.



A monsoonal low pressure covers the greater part of Australia, and a cyclonic storm centre is situated to the east of Cooktown. An Antarctic disturbance, which was on Tuesday over the bight, has made very rapid progress to the south-east, and is now situated between Tasmania and New Zealand.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Commonwealth Weather Bureau, Wednesday.

Sydney rainfall, average annual for 51 years, 4797 points.

Total rainfall from January 1, 1910, to date, 394 points.

Total for corresponding period of 1909, 141 points.

Barometer: At 9 a.m., 29.996; at 3 p.m., 29.922; at 9 p.m., 29.948.

Temperature: At 9 a.m., 76.8; at 3 p.m., 77.5; at 9 p.m., 72. Maximum, 82.4; minimum, 65.

Humidity: At 9 a.m., 67; at 3 p.m., 59; at 9 p.m., 79.

Wind: Greatest velocity, 18 miles from the ENE.

RAINFALL REGISTRATIONS.

New South Wales (for the 24 hours ended 9 a.m.).—Byron Bay 6 points, Casino 2, Lismore 12, Tweed Heads 4.

QUEENSLAND RAINFALLS.

The following were the principal rainfall registrations in Queensland during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Wednesday:—

Northern Division.—Thursday Island 30 points, Mein 28, Cape York 21, Coen 42, Musgrave 50, Fairview 49, Junction Creek 27, Wyandotte 25, Maytown 30, Walsh River 22, Grassy Hill 121, Mareeba 95, Thornborough 72, Kuranda 562, Atherton 328, Irvinebank 76, Molloy 285, Mount Garnet 53, Halifax 114, Ingham 212, Port Douglas 480, Herberton 245, Geraldton 491, Cooktown 212, Cardwell 286, Townsville Pilot Station 114.

Central Division.—Ayr 28 points, Charters Towers 22, Haughton Valley 51, Clare 15, Proserpine 23, Ravenswood Junction 30, Bowen 43.

The late reports for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Tuesday were:—Moreton 49 points, Ravenswood Junction 65.

CONDITIONS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Showery at Byron Bay, and some cloud in the north-east and scattered places along the coast; otherwise fine and warm to hot, and sultry generally. Light rain has been recorded at a few places on the extreme north coast.

Victoria.—Fine throughout, scattered clouds north of the ranges, mostly cloudy to overcast elsewhere. Hazy or misty on the coast. No rain recorded.

South Australia.—Cloudy and cool along the coast; otherwise warm to hot. Cloudy and sultry in parts of northern areas. Clear or few clouds elsewhere. No rain recorded.

Western Australia.—Cloudy to overcast in south-western areas; otherwise chiefly fine and clear. No rain reported.

Queensland.—Unsettled, rainy, with fierce squalls on the north-east coast and Peninsula; otherwise chiefly fine and clear. Light to heavy rain recorded on the north-east coast and Peninsula.

Tasmania.—Cloudy to overcast and threatening throughout. One point at Zeehan, the only rain recorded.

BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 29.70; Geraldton, 29.73; Perth, 29.88; Esperance Bay, 29.94; Eucla, 29.88; Streaky Bay, 29.92; Adelaide, 29.85; Robe, 29.99; Portland, 29.96; Melbourne, 29.98; Wilson's Promontory, 29.93; Gabo Island, 29.98; Cape St. George, 29.96; Sydney, 30.00; Newcastle, 29.97; Port Macquarie, 29.95; Brisbane, 29.84; Rockhampton, 29.83; Mackay, 29.77; Cooktown, 29.43.

TEMPERATURES.

Perth (for 24 hours ended 9 a.m.), maximum 88, minimum 64; Adelaide, maximum 102, minimum 73; Melbourne, maximum 104, minimum 65; Brisbane, maximum 84; minimum 69; Hobart, maximum 8[illegible], minimum 56.

RIVER REPORTS.

The heights above summer level of the inland rivers at 9 a.m. on January 26 were as follow:—Albury, 1ft 1in; Angledool, 3ft 9in, r; Balranald, below summer level; Bingara, 3ft 6in; Boggabilla, 5ft 3in, f; Booligal, dry; Bourke, 7ft 2in, r; Brewarrina, 18ft, r; Collarenebri, 21ft 10in, f; Condobolin, 6in; Cowra, 6in; Deniliquin, 1ft 4in; Dubbo, 4ft 0in; Euabalong, stopped running; Euston, 5ft 9in; Forbes, 2ft 9in, f; Goodooga, f; Gundagai, 1ft 11in; Gunnedah, f; Hay, 2ft 6in; Hillston, 6½in, s; Inverell, 1; Kunopia, 11ft 4in, f; Louth, 5ft 1in, r; Manilla, 2ft; Menindie, 4ft 3in; Moama, 7ft 10in; Mogil Mogil, 25ft, f; Moulamein, 3in; Mungundi, 23ft 5in, r; Narrandera, 8ft 5in, f; Pooncarie, 7ft; Tamworth, 1; Tilpa, 2ft 3in, r; Tocumwal, 1ft 9in; Wagga Wagga, 2ft; Wentworth, 2ft 7in; Wilcannia, 3ft 9in, s; Yetman, 2ft, 1; Barwon River, at Walgett, 42ft 6in, r; Namoi River, at Walgett, 33ft 6in, r.

Note.—R, rising; f, falling; s, stationary; l, low.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, S, fresh, showery, sea heavy on bar; Byron Bay, SW, fresh, showery, sea rough; Ballina, S, fresh, thick, raining, sea moderate; Clarence Heads, S, light, fine, sea smooth; South Solitary, S, fresh, showery, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, S, fresh, fine, sea moderate; Nambucca Heads, S, fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Port Macquarie, S, cloudy, sea smooth; Manning Heads, S, moderate fine, sea moderate; Seal Rocks, SE, moderate, cloudy, sea smooth; Port Stephens, E, light, fine, sea smooth; Newcastle, SE, moderate, fine, sea smooth; Barranjoey, NE, light, fine, sea smooth; South Head, NE, moderate, fine, sea smooth; Wollongong, NE, light, fine, sea smooth; Kiama, N, light, fine, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, NE, moderate, fine, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, NE, moderate, fine, sea smooth; Ulladulla, NE, light, fine, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, NE, light, fine, sea smooth; Moruya, NE, light, fine, sea slight; Eden, N, light, cloudy, hazy, sea slight; Green Cape, N, light, cloudy, hazy, sea slight; Gabo Island, S, light, hazy, fine, sea smooth.

FORECAST AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Hot and sultry weather inland; a cool southerly change affecting the eastern and north-eastern districts, and becoming squally in the north. Rain and thunder on the coast and on parts of the highlands.

Victoria.—Still hot inland, but cool southerly winds on the coast, gradually extending northwards.

Queensland.—Cyclonic blows and rains on the north tropical coast, some showers in the north-west, otherwise fine, but hot.

South Australia.—Cool southerly change on the coast, gradually extending northwards, but at first hot and sultry; thunder in the interior.

Western Australia.—Generally fine. Temperatures hot in the north, and rising in southern parts. A tendency for isolated thunder on the north-west coast and Murchison.

Tasmania.—Cool southerly to easterly winds, cloudy generally, with showers more especially to the north-east.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR JANUARY 27.

Sun rises at 5.11, sets at 7.5; Moon, 8.43 p.m., 4.18 a.m.; Mercury, 5.9 a.m., 6.43 p.m.; Venus, 7.16 a.m., 7.59 p.m.; Mars, 12.3 p.m., 10.57 p.m.; Jupiter, 10.11 p.m., 10.45 a.m.; Saturn, 10.51 a.m., 10.32 p.m.

New moon, February 10, at 11.30 a.m.

High water at Fort Denison at 9.23 a.m. and 9.4[illegible] p.m.

VICTORIA.

THE LATE ALDERMAN C. J. HAM.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The will of Cornelius Job Ham, late of Swanston-street, Melbourne, estate agent, and formerly M.L.C. and alderman of the city of Melbourne, who died on December 11 last, was filed for probate to-day. The will was executed on May 22, 1907, and under it testator bequeathed real property valued at £54,543, and personal estate valued at £9635, to his widow and children, with bequests to his sister and grandchildren.

REPAIRING THE PAPANUI.

It is reported that the tender of Messrs. Robinson Bros., of South Melbourne, for repairs to the damaged steamer Papanui has been accepted, the price being approximately £23,000. The Papanui, which sustained extensive injuries to her bottom through striking a reef in Tasmanian waters, has been in Duke's dock for some days.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL FIRE.

The damage by last night's fire to the Church of England Grammar School is estimated at between £2000 and £3000. The buildings were insured for £16,080, and the contents for £1000. About £100 worth of prizes to be distributed at the annual speech day were destroyed. The cause of the outbreak is still a mystery. The school will reopen on February 8, as had been arranged.

WINDSOR PARK GROUNDING.

MARINE COURT INQUIRY.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Court of Marine Inquiry has given its reserved decision in relation to the grounding of the British ship Windsor Park on the night of December 14, on the coast about six miles from Cliffy Island. The Court found that the master of the Windsor Park, Alexander Livingstone, was not supplied with proper and sufficient charts for the voyage to Victoria, and the sailing directions he had on board were dated 1877, and were therefore obsolete. The lead was not used at any time on December 14, prior to the grounding of the ship, and, in the opinion of the Court, the omission to use the lead was not justifiable. The causes occasioning the grounding were the fact that the master had not on board a proper chart and sailing directions, the omission by the master to verify the position of the vessel at noon on December 14, and subsequently by the use of the lead; the master mistaking Cliffy Island light for Dead Island light, owing to the fact that his chart showed that the light on Cliffy Island was a red light; the master failing to take proper precaution to ascertain which light it was he actually saw. The Court considers that the master is blameable to the extent shown in answers to previous questions.

LORD KITCHENER.

PERTH (W.A.), Wednesday.

Lord Kitchener returned from Tammin this afternoon, and dined with the Governor this evening. Interviewed on the journey to Perth, the Field-Marshal said he was much impressed with the troops he had seen, who compared well with the men in the eastern States, and with a little training they could be made equal those of England or India.

Asked if he would add anything to what he had already said with regard to the transcontinental railway, Lord Kitchener said, "I think I have said all I can."

To-morrow morning Lord Kitchener will inspect the metropolitan cadets, and will then leave for Albany with the Premier (Mr. Moore), and proceed thence, via Collie, to Namogin, thence by train to Albany, where he will inspect the harbour defences before boarding the R.M.S. Osterley, which will pick him up off Breaksea.

NEW PAPUAN GOLDFIELD.

"DON'T GO THERE."

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

Mr. A. M. Sinclair, who has spent the last three years traversing Papua in various directions, in the course of an interview, said:—"In reference to the new goldfield discovered in Papua, my advice is that a man should not go there unless he has a minimum capital of £100. If he wants to venture £100 or £150 then he may try his luck. My further strong advice to any man wishing to go to the new goldfield is to await further reports regarding development. These when issued by the warden will be authentic, and may be relied upon."

ALLEGED STABBING AFFRAY.

Yesterday afternoon George Georgenson, a labourer, aged 31, was taken to the Balmain Hospital with a wound in his arm. Six stitches were put in the gash, which he said he had got by being stabbed by a man while he was talking to some others at the corner of Western-road and Darling-street, Rozelle.

A SEVERE HAILSTORM.

STONES KILL A BULLOCK.

SINGLETON, Wednesday.

Reports have come to hand of a severe hailstorm in the Rosedale and Nundah portions of the district. Some of the stones were larger than hen eggs, and the storm lasted for nearly half an hour, destroying gardens and orchards. Some of the peach trees suffered severely, the fruit being cut in two as if an axe had gone through it. The heavy character of the hail at Rosedale will be realised from the fact that it killed a bullock belonging to Robinson Bros., of Singleton. A man named H. Wright, of Maison Dieu, who was sitting in a cart at Rosedale, was struck on the hand by one of the hailstones, which inflicted a wound, and raised a lump of a painful character. Great havoc was wrought to Mr. H. Sattler's vineyard at Green Hollow, the hail cutting several acres of vines to pieces, and completely destroying the berries.

AERIAL LEAGUE.

"An Aeronautical Evening" was the title of the Aerial League's entertainment at the Royal Society's House last evening.

The proceedings were opened by a paper by Mr. G. L. Garland on "The Aerial Defence of Australia," in which it was graphically pointed out how Australia to-day is defenceless against aerial attack. He was followed by Major Rosenthal, who lectured on "Modern Artillery in relation to Aerial Invasion," illustrated with lantern slides of what the world is doing to put up some sort of defence against the new terror.

Mr. G. A. Taylor spoke on "Failures and Successes in Australian Aeronautics," which contained much valuable advice. His flights at Narrabeen Heads were graphically told and illustrated by striking photographs. His new machine, now completed, was shown in the air. A number of interesting models were shown, those by Messrs. Hallstrom and Heath Bros. being exceptionally clever.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

FINANCIAL.

The unprecedented interest with which the British elections are being followed in all the leading countries of the world is easily to be accounted for. Not since the great Reform campaign settled the United Kingdom in the freetrade policy has an election been fought seriously on a tariff issue. There are, of course, other issues in the contest which is now proceeding; but, still the fact is that the British Conservative party is committed to a policy of import duties, and that party has so greatly strengthened its position at the polls that their advent to power is at least a possibility. At all events, we may now regard mild protection against the world with preferential trade within the Empire as now beyond the academic stage. It has not been made quite clear by any of the tariff reform leaders whether, in furtherance of the preferential idea, any tax would be placed on foreign foodstuffs. The general impression left by the speeches of Mr. Balfour and others is that food would not be taxed. In the latter event preferential trade from the British side ceases to have any meaning for the Dominions, as they do not seek a market in the mother country for manufactured goods, but raw materials, of which the main lines are grain, meat, and butter. Not that, at present, the Dominions need any preferential treatment in these lines for the reason that they can always sell everything they produce at generally remunerative prices. It is just possible that, if butter production in Siberia extends very rapidly, the outturn might be so great as to embarrass the Dominion producers in the British markets, in which case preferential treatment might not be unacceptable. But, at worst, this is not a near contingency. The broad tendency is for the older countries of the world to make increasing calls on the new for supply of food, and it is this fact which furnishes a country like Australia with an expanding opportunity of economic development.

IMPORT DUTIES AND WORLD'S WHEAT.

The people of the United Kingdom cannot be blamed for nervousness at the prospect of a tax on foreign wheat, especially as the Dominions and India do not supply half the total requirement. It is, however, not so easy to predict the effect of a given duty upon wheat prices, as political controversialists sometimes assume. Beerbohm, the noted English corn trade statist, recently brought together some remarkable figures relating to duties and prices. The following table shows the relative prices and duties of wheat in Britain and in Germany over a series of years:—

Year.	English average price and duty.		German average price and duty.		Difference bet. German avge. pr. (inc. duty) and Eng. avge. show, whether higher or lower.	
	Price.	Duty.	Price.	Duty.	Lower.	Higher.
1879 ..	43/3	Free.	46/11	[illegible]	2/4	—
1880 ..	47/6	Free.	46/10	[illegible]	/8	—
1881 ..	47/4	Free.	45/1	[illegible]	/3	—
1882 ..	45/9	Free.	44/7	[illegible]	1/2	—
1883 ..	42/-	Free.	39/7	[illegible]	2/5	—
1884 ..	35/1	Free.	[illegible]	[illegible]	—	/11
1885 ..	32/7	Free.	[illegible]	6/6	—	1/1
1886 ..	32/4	Free.	[illegible]	6/6	—	1/3
1887 ..	32/9	Free.	35/2	6/6	—	2/5
1888 ..	32/11	Free.	[illegible]	10/10	—	4/4
1889 ..	29/11	Free.	35/2	10/10	—	6/3
1890 ..	32/5	Free.	41/7	10/10	—	7/9
1891 ..	37/-	Free.	47/6	12/10	—	9/5
1892 ..	32/10	Free.	40/6	[illegible]	—	7/8
1893 ..	26/7	Free.	30/6	[illegible]	—	4/11
1894 ..	22/11	Free.	28/11	[illegible]	—	6/-
1895 ..	22/7	Free.	[illegible]	[illegible]	—	6/5
1896 ..	26/2	Free.	32/9	[illegible]	—	6/3
1897 ..	30/11	Free.	35/5	[illegible]	—	3/6
1898 ..	34/4	Free.	39/11	[illegible]	—	5/8
1899 ..	25/8	Free.	30/2	[illegible]	—	4/6
1900 ..	26/2	Free.	29/1	[illegible]	—	2/11
1901 ..	26/5	Free.	32/8	[illegible]	—	6/3
1902 ..	28/3	1/*	35/2	[illegible]	—	6/6
1903 ..	26/1	1/*	30/2	[illegible]	—	4/1
1904 ..	28/-	Free.	34/2	[illegible]	—	6/2
1905 ..	30/-	Free.	35/7	[illegible]	—	5/7
1906 ..	28/2	Free.	35/3	11/10	—	7/1
1907 ..	30/11	Free.	41/1	11/10	—	10/2
1908 ..	36/-	Free.	43/8	11/10	—	7/8

*The actual duty was 1s 0 6-7d, and was imposed on April 15, 1902, and withdrawn June 30, 1903.

SYDNEY FERRIES, LIMITED.

The report of Sydney Ferries, Limited, for the last half-year shows a net profit of £10,809, out of which a 10 per cent. dividend, absorbing £10,000, is proposed, leaving £809 to be carried forward. The directors have resolved upon an issue of 100,000 new shares of £1 each at par to shareholders, in the proportion of one new share to every two shares held by them, on February 3 next. The new capital thus raised, it is claimed, will be sufficient to provide for the construction of new steamers and other expenditure for the furtherance of the company's developments, and will enable the directors to set free certain funds now held in reserve. Of the sum thus set free, the board recommends the declaration of a special bonus of 3/ per share on the shares in the company's register on February 3. The payment of the bonus will be made on February 3. The following comparison may be made:—

Half-year ended Dec. 31.	1907.	1908.	1909.
Profit and Loss.			
Net profit	£9,044 ..	£14,468 ..	£10,809
Dividend, per cent.	10 ..	10* ..	10
Amount of dividend and bonus	8,000 ..	14,000 ..	10,000
Forward	489 ..	541 ..	809
Liabilities.			
Capital paid up	170,085 ..	200,000 ..	200,000
Reserve for repairs and new steamers	15,000 ..	20,000 ..	25,000
Insurance reserve	11,000 ..	13,000 ..	16,000
Sundry creditors	2,816 ..	2,721 ..	6,2[illegible]
Money at call	— ..	— ..	—
Bank	— ..	— ..	—
Assets.			
Ship property	61,017 ..	69,828 ..	75,851
Landed property	11[illegible] ..	123,737 ..	133,0[illegible]
Wharfs, etc.	9,391 ..	7,482 ..	10,512
Money at deposit, Govt. debentures and cash	23,881 ..	41,079 ..	22,[illegible]
At bank	1,0[illegible] ..	8,006 ..	[illegible]
Plant, etc.	1,761 ..	1,101 ..	1,7[illegible]
Stock in hand	1,737 ..	2,200 ..	[illegible]
Office furniture, etc.	152 ..	152 ..	[illegible]
Coal in stock	514 ..	553 ..	217
Sundry debtors	582 ..	512 ..	467

* Excluding a bonus of 6d per share.

PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY.

The report of the above company, covering the 12 months ended December 31, shows a net profit for the year of £8397, which, with £1208 brought forward, made £9606 for distribution. The directors propose appropriation as follows:—To reserve, £500; to write down premises account, £500; to equalisation of dividend account, £500; to payment of a dividend of 10 per cent., £2500; leaving £1106 to be carried forward. The reserve is now brought up to £40,000, the directors adhering to their previously declared policy of continuously strengthening this fund in view of the magnitude, special nature, and growing character of the business, and the large uncalled liability on shares. The following comparison may be made:—

Year ended Dec. 31.	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.
Net profit	£7682	£7694	£7838	£8397
To reserve	3000	2500	5000	500
Dividend equalisation ..	500	—	—	500
Office premises	1500	1500	500	500
Dividend	10	10	10	10
Amount of dividend	2500	2500	2500	2500
Forward	1175	1370	1208	1106

The large increase in the company's business is best shown in the comparison which follows. More new trusts have come to it during the past year than in any previous year of its history, says the report:

AMOUNT AT CREDIT OF ESTATES.	
1904	£5,599,194
1905	5,758,222
1906	6,051,080
1907	6,493,083
1908	6,739,047
1909	7,048,497

THE FARMERS AND DAIRYMEN'S MILK COMPANY.

The twentieth annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Milk Company, Ltd., was held yesterday, Mr. R. H. Antill, chairman of directors, presiding. The report and balance-sheet of the company for the year ended December 31, 1909, showing a profit of £703/19/1, after writing off depreciation, and all other known charges, were unanimously adopted, on the motion of Mr. Antill, seconded by Mr. Sumner. The retiring city directors, Messrs. James Lochhead and Isaac Croft, were re-elected unopposed, while a ballot for the election of two country directors resulted in the retiring country directors, Messrs. Robert Henry Antill and John Britain Taylor, being re-elected. A dividend at the rate of 10 per cent was decided on.

AN EXPERIMENT IN CO-PARTNERY.

When the mail left England the directors of Irvine's Shipbuilding and Dry Docks Company were circularising their employees to ascertain whether they are prepared to make the basis of the agreement under which they have been working for a year, a permanency. It will be remembered that a year ago Sir Christopher Furness, weary of ruinous strikes and labour disputes, proposed to try the experiment of co-partnership with his employees, numbering some thousands. For the furtherance of his scheme he had his shipyards and docks transferred to the Irvine's Company, in which Furness, Withy, and Company retained a controlling interest. The basis of the scheme was that the employees should have a joint, though not an equal, interest in the profits, but they must surrender their right to strike for a year, while the employers bound themselves not to lockout. For the nine months working up to December 31 the return on employees' shares was 9 per cent. per annum, and on the ordinary shares 10 per cent. How the men regard the results had not been disclosed, though it is scarcely likely they would be disappointed in them. The directors, however, are represented as being highly satisfied. A London journal writes of the nine months' work in these terms:—"The yards have been filled up with construction and repair orders, and the salvage department has also been kept fairly busy. The recovery in shipbuilding, of course, accounts for much of this good showing, but it is obvious that the absence of labour troubles and the cordial co-operation of the men have largely rendered possible the remunerative exploitation of the better conditions prevailing. This is seen particularly in the punctual manner in which contracts have been discharged. Liners and steamers wanted for regular service, either new from the stocks, or from the repair dock, must keep time as accurately as railway trains, and to ensure this heavy penalties accompany any excess of the stipulated date of delivery. In consequence of the disputes with the men prior to the inauguration of the co-partnership, the company had been five, nine, and even ten months behind in the delivery of some of its biggest orders, and the serious loss occasioned by the consequent penalties can be guessed. During the past nine months every steamer built and repaired has been out of the yards in strict accordance with contract terms, and in one case where a vessel was required to be lengthened in six weeks in order that it might resume its position in the line on a specified date, it was disposed of in five weeks. Facts such as these are the best tributes to the success of the experiment." Needless to say the progress of the experiment is being watched with much interest by numbers of employers and workers alike in the United Kingdom. If it can be shown that co-partnery not only secures a better return to both labour and capital but promotes friendliness and energised contentment in place of suspicion and turmoil, the system can hardly fail to widely recommend itself to those who are now looking for a practical method of softening the acerbities of industrial relationships.

ARGENTINE LAND COMPANIES.

Some of the Argentine land companies whose capital is provided by London, have been doing well, although it is doubtful if they are in so satisfactory a position as the best of the Australian concerns. The reports bear liberal testimony to the occurrence of drought in different districts, and the losses of stock through want of water and of pasture. So it is not only Australia that has an occasional dry spell in places. The British investor is able to compare the results of the Australian companies with those of the five representative Argentine companies whose earning power is shown thus:—

Company.	Gross receipts.		Net receipts.		Div.	
	1907-8.	1908-9.	1907-8.	1908-9.	1907-8.	1908-9.
	£	£	£	£	p.c.	p.c.
Argentine Southern Land ...	45,000	46,800	31,100	30,500	a30	10
Argentine Land and Investment	*45,900	*51,500	*29,800	*33,500	5	6
Rio Negro Land ...	†30,200	16,800	†10,500	6,160	nil	nil
Santa Fe and Cordoba Gt. Southern Land ...	32,900	170,400	15,900	123,800	12½	7½
Santa Fe Land ...	133,900	‡163,400	91,500	§115,400	10	11½

a In addition to a bonus of 50 per cent., payable out of the reserve fund in shares. * To 31st. December. † First report, covering 14 months' working. ‡ Fifteen months to 30th September. § Including £64,000 as result of increased valuation of stock.

Of the five companies two alone show shrinkages in profits, and only one has been forced to reduce its dividends.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—Brewing Company, paid, 24/3, b 24/, s 24/6; Broken Hill Water Supply, 1 1/2, s 19/6; Perth Gas, 40/10½, b 40/6, s 41/8.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Victorian (def.), £1[illegible]; A.P.M. (pref.), 29/6; Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., 59/3; Equity Trustees, 20/4, 20/6; Melbourne Tram, 42/9; Silverton Tramway, £5/1; Amal. Zinc, 24/7, 24/6, 24/7; ditto, 19/ paid, 14/6, 14/9; B.H. Water, 19/6; Kauri Timber, 15/; Zinc Corporation, pref., 47/.

LONDON FINANCIAL CABLES.

BANK AND AUSTRALIAN STOCKS, Etc.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

Bank of Australasia, £1 higher at b £110, s £111.

Bank of New South Wales, unchanged at b £47/10/, s £48/10/.

Union Bank of Australia, 10/ higher at b £65, s £66.

National Bank of New Zealand, unchanged at b £6/2/6, s £6/7/6.

Bank of New Zealand 4 per cent. guaranteed stock (new issue), unchanged at £101.

Bank of New Zealand, unchanged at b £5/15/, s £6/5/, ex interest.

New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company 4 per cent., unchanged at £96.

City Melbourne 4 per cent., £1 higher at £102.

Melbourne Harbour Trust 4 per cent. bonds, 10/ higher at £101.

Melbourne Tramway Trust 4½ per cent. debentures, 10/ higher at £102.

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at £103.

COMMERCIAL.

ADVANCE IN BUTTER.

It has been notified that from to-day the price of butter will be advanced from 95/ per cwt in the Sydney market to 100/. This brings it to the same level as it stood this time last year, and also the year before. Sydney quotations have for some time been below those of Melbourne, and sellers have been complaining in consequence. There has also been a strong demand for butter for export, and one object is believed to be to get away as much as possible before the space of the mail steamers is occupied by the Tasmanian apple crop, and butter exports have to be curtailed in consequence.

FREE WHEAT FOR AMERICA.

It is rather significant that American papers have been discussing the question of free wheat, and the discussion, oddly enough, has turned on the matter of what some people have designated the world's wheat shortage, which has been spoken about now and then for several years. It has been known that American grain exports have been falling off, and one explanation has attributed the drop to the quickly increasing population of the United States—that the home population is growing so large that it can consume the whole product. This, however, is not quite true, because the wheat belt of America, like our own, has been widened and lengthened. A writer in one of the American journals gives a different explanation, and one which looks on the face of it reasonable enough. Minneapolis is the great flour-milling centre of America, and the millers have found a problem which they cannot solve. "This problem is, Where will they get their supplies of wheat? American farmers, in the north-west especially, have progressed beyond the stage where they are willing to raise cheap wheat for the market. They are not philanthropists. Stimulated by very high prices, as last year and this, they will, of course, temporarily increase the wheat acreage; but when, as a result, wheat prices fall below the high level, they will revert to some other crop which affords them a better return. Meantime the population is increasing, and it must have bread. It is no longer a question of regaining the export trade; foreign countries must look to themselves more and more, and to us less. If we can secure some portion of the export trade that the carriers ruthlessly sacrificed by their suicidal policy in 1901, it will help the millers to keep their plants operating full time, and thereby contribute to reduce the cost of the whole outturn; but this is incidental. How are we to feed our own people? The group of mills in Minneapolis is composed of independent concerns fighting against each other and the outside milling world for the trade. Besides this group there are scores of large, well-equipped mills throughout Minnesota competing for the business of supplying flour. Finally, outside the borders of the north-west, there are at least 3000 flour mills, large, active, well situated, adequately outfitted, and managed by competent men, eager to get business, and fighting tooth and nail for it. Throughout the whole industry there does not exist a combination, an agreement as to prices, or even 'a gentleman's understanding' which can affect the cost to the consumer a single penny on the barrel. There is enough wheat in sight to keep the country supplied for at least another generation or so, if you would but stretch out your hand and take it.

"If you want cheap bread you must take the fetters off the millers' hands. You in the east must do it, because in the west the farmers dominate politics, and they are not particularly anxious that you should be well and cheaply fed so long as they get a profit on their product. You must force them 'either to fish or cut bait,' either to raise more wheat themselves or to let the miller have access to wheatfields across the border, without tax or duty or handicap."

NEW ZEALAND MEAT EXPORTS.

As illustrating how the New Zealand frozen meat trade has grown, figures have been compiled showing the exports each year from 1882 to 1909. In the firstnamed year the quantity was 1,707,328lb, but in 1883 it rose at a bound to 9,853,200lb, while a still longer bound was taken in 1884. That year the export was 28,445,228lb. The increase was not so proportionately rapid in the following years, but it was nevertheless an increase by leaps and bounds, for in 1889 the export was 76,564,064lb. In 1890 it jumped to 100,934,756lb; in 1891 it was 110,199,062lb; but in 1892 the export fell back to 97,636,557lb; but every year since then the figures are in the hundreds of millions. Last year was the record year by a long way. The export then was 269,773,698lb, and the next heaviest year was 1908, when it amounted to 243,903,428lb. The great total of 1909 was made up as follows:—

MUTTON.

1909.	Carcases.	Legs.	Pieces.	Weight, lb.
Half-yr., June 30	1,317,575	274,591	139,807	76,445,878
Half-yr., Dec. 31	505,046	132,116	36,218	29,959,625
Total for year .	1,822,621	379,707	196,025	106,405,503
Total for 1908 .	1,783,972	[illegible]	172,145	102,574,090

	LAMB.		BEEF.
	Carcases.	Weight, lb.	Weight, lb.
Half-year, June 30 .	2,624,951	92,093,700	27,571,943
Half-year, Dec. 31 .	492,682	16,094,063	26,298,486
Total for year ..	3,117,633	109,507,763	53,800,432
Total for 1908 ..	2,677,027	91,228,780	38,103,466

The yearly totals are:—

	lb.		lb.
1882	1,707,328	1896	122,367,818
1883	9,853,200	1897	151,374,309
1884	28,445,228	1898	159,223,720
1885	33,294,976	1899	188,902,760
1886	38,758,160	1900	192,074,451
1887	45,035,984	1901	191,440,071
1888	65,857,376	1902	229,904,414
1889	76,564,064	1903	243,903,428
1890	100,934,756	1904	202,126,412
1891	110,199,062	1905	170,053,232
1892	97,636,557	1906	220,930,041
1893	103,262,453	1907	233,218,915
1894	116,720,194	1908	231,906,036
1895	128,029,522	1909	269,773,698

THE GERMAN BEET SUGAR INDUSTRY.

In 1908-1909 there were in Germany 358 beet sugar factories, treating 11,800,000 tons of beetroot. Of these factories 271 were established in Prussia. The year before 1,700,000 tons more were produced, from an area aggregating 1,100,000 acres. The importation of sugar into Germany amounted to 11,440 tons, the home consumption to 1,500,000 tons, and exportation to 1,000,000 tons.

THE POTASH SYNDICATE.

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" of December 11 published a telegram from one of its Berlin representatives, stating that the provisional agreement between the Potash Syndicate, the so-called Schmidtmann Group, and the International Agricultural Corporation, had been signed on the previous day, and that after its ratification by the various partners of the syndicate a commission of the syndicate, comprising Messrs. Kempner, Emil Sauer, Bielmann, and W. Schmidtmann, would leave for America. The Potash Syndicate subsequently made the following communication: "After four days' negotiations between the enlarged board of directors and the management of the Potash Syndicate on the one part and Herr Waldemar Schmidtmann and the representatives of the International Agricultural Corporation on the other part, an agreement has been arrived at, the perfection of which depends on those American potash firms who, since July 1 of this year, have made delivery contracts outside the syndicate, annulling these contracts and entering upon a new agreement with the syndicate, which secures them good profits and is likely to largely increase the sales of the Potash Syndicate in America. The syndicate has the option of allowing the agreement to become perfected even without the adhesion of the North Trust and the South Trust. A definite decision must be arrived at up to January 3."

AUSTRALIAN HONEY IN LONDON.

The latest number of the "British Australasian" to hand has the following concerning Australian honey in London:—"The imports of South Australian honey are now considerable, the business being built up under the management of the Government departments in Adelaide, and dealt with in London and the provincial centres by the commercial agent. This week there was a consignment of honey offered at auction in Mincing-lane, some of which was sold in a private way. The market is firm for honey for manufacturing purposes. The Victorian imports, whenever placed on the London market, have been well spoken of."

LONDON MARKET CABLES.

SILVER.

LONDON, Jan. 25.

Bar silver is quoted to-day 2/0 1-8 per ounce standard.

METALS.

Jan. 26.

Yesterday's closing quotations were:—Copper, spot, b £60/7/6, s £60/12/6 (5/ lower); three months, b £61/6/3, s £61/11/3 (3/9 lower); Electrolytic, £63/10/ (10/ higher).

WHEAT MARKET.

The cargo of the barque Viva, which left Sydney on the 18th inst. wheatladen, has been sold at 40/6 a quarter.

The market for cargoes is firm.

INTERSTATE MARKETS.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The wheat market is a shade firmer. In parcels, much business has been done at 4/3½, and an offer of 4/3½ was to-day refused. The buying prices of farmers' lots are 4/2½ and 4/3. Flour is unchanged. Bran is going out fairly well at /12½, pollard /13½. Oats firm, and fair business is doing at 1/10.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Wheat steady, 4/3 to 4/3½, business including fair sales at 4/3½ to 4/3½. Flour, £10/5/; bran, £4/12/6; pollard, £5. Prime malting barley firm, 4/; medium to good, 3/ to 3/9; Cape malting barley up to 2/8. Algerian oats firm; milling 2/ to 2/0½, prime occasionally 2/1, fairly good sold 2/0½, feed 1/9 to 1/11½. Maize quiet, nominally 4/7 ex wharf. Chaff dull; oaten 45/ to 62/6, wheaten 50/ to 60/; old manger hay 80/ to 90/, new 70/ to 80/, sheaves 40/ to 55/. Potatoes quiet; Western district 67/6 to 70/, special occasionally to 72/6; Gippsland 70/ to 80/. Onions slightly weaker, 60/ to 65/. Tea fairly active, business including about 500 packages Ceylon, partly for export, up to 1/, and small sales Java tea. Tinned fish and tinned meats selling freely. Cornsacks 5/3 on spot, 4/11 ex Coorganna. Business done for next season, 4/7½ to 4/8 delivered. Branbags, 3/3½ on spot. Woolpacks 2/ basis for 11½lb loose tops for forward delivery. Fair business done in fencing wire.

FAT STOCK SALES.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Elder, Smith, and Co. report:—Cattle: 726, providing a good average selection. Small attendance, decreased demand; prices slightly easier. Prime paddock beef, 28/; best station beef, 25/. We sold 213 cattle. Sheep: 10,000, consisting of all classes. Trade requirements smaller, owing to hot weather. Values rather lower. Importers 1800, graziers 1[illegible]. Quotations:—Prime merino wethers to 14/, extra 16/; prime ewes 8/ to 9/, extra 11/; prime crossbred wethers to 15/; prime crossbred ewes to 12/. Lambs: 4400, chiefly useful sorts. Market weaker. Graziers 1000. We sold 5500.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Fat cattle.—2120 were yarded, comprising 301 from New South Wales. Quotations: Prime pens of bullocks from £9/5/ to £10/10/, extra ditto ditto from £11/5/ to £12/10/; good ditto ditto, from £8 to £9; good light and handy weights, from £7 to £7/15/; second and inferior, from £4/17/. Prime pens of cows, from £6/10/ to £7/5/; odd beasts to £10; good ditto ditto from £5 to £6; second ditto ditto, from £4 to £4/15/; inferior from £3. Fat calves.—400 were penned. Prime steers and heifers from £3/15/ to £5; a few extra higher; good ditto from £2/15/ to £3/10/; prime calves from 40/ to 50/, a few extra to 57/; good ditto from 28/ to 35/, with small vealers from 10/ upwards.

PROPERTY MARKET.

Messrs. H. W. Horning and Co. report having sold by auction 34 lots of the Ocean estate, Cronulla, at prices ranging from 25s to 71s per foot. Total sales, £2012 10s.

AUCTION SALES TO-DAY.

HOUSES AND LAND.

RAINE and HORNE.—At the Rooms, at 11.30, City, Suburban, and Country Properties.

H. DUFF and CO.—At the Rooms, at 11.30, Shares and Properties.

E. C. V. BROUGHTON.—At the Rooms, at 11.30, Suburban and Country Properties.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

J. R. LAWSON and LITTLE.—At Ethelton, 146 Boulevard, Petersham, at 11, Piano, Furniture, etc; at 508 Dowling-street, Moore Park, at 11, Furniture, etc; at Merkara, Wilberforce-avenue, Rose Bay, at 2.30, Piano, Copper Shield, Furniture, etc.

M. GOULSTON and CO.—At 56 Smith-street, Surry Hills, at 11, Groceries, Haberdashery, Showcases, Counters, etc.

S. DAVIS.—At Auldie, Ferdinand-street, Hunter's Hill, at 11, Furniture, Sewing Machine, Tools, etc.

J. R. JONES.—At 2 St. Mary's-terrace, Lower Domain, at 11, Furniture, E. P. Ware, etc.

A. G. JENKINS.—At Thompson-street, Drummoyne, at 11, Furniture, etc; at Brown-street, Newtown, at 2, Stock-in-Trade, Brass Fittings, Office Desk.

H. H. BRODRIBB.—At the Rooms, at 11, Furniture, Pianos, Organs, Violins, etc.

FRASER, UTHER, and CO.—At the City Mart, at 11, Tea.

J. P. LISTER.—At the Rooms, at 11, Watches, Jewellery, etc.

J. F. HEGERTY.—At Union-street, West Kogarah, at 2.30, Furniture, etc.

N. RUMEISEN.—At Oxford-square, at 2.30, Piano, Clothing, etc.

GIBBS, SMITH, and CO.—At Christy-street, North Sydney, at 11, Furniture, etc; at 91 Walker-street, North Sydney, at 2, Furniture, Plants, Ferns, etc.

E. P. PEARCE.—At the Parramatta Cafe, Church-street, Parramatta, at 2, Piano, Furniture, etc.

C. BROWN.—At 265 Pitt-street, at 11 and 2.30, Unredeemed Pledges, Job Lines, etc.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At Cottenham-street, Glebe, at 11, Furniture, etc; at 170 George-street West, at 2.30, Violin, Furniture, etc.

H. HAINS.—At 4 Little Belmore-street, Surry Hills, at 11, Furniture, etc.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

At the Sydney Wool Exchange, at 3, Wool.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At their Railway Saleyards, at 11, Milch Cows.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At their Bazaar, at 10.30, 11.30, and 12, Horses, Vehicles, and Harness; at T. Payten's Newmarket Stables, Randwick, at 2.30, Thoroughbred Horses.

A. G. JENKINS.—At Thompson-street, Drummoyne, at 11, Saddle and Bridle; at Brown-street, Newtown, at 2, Sulky, Harness, etc.

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. F. HEGERTY.—On the site, opp. Moorefield Hotel, Kogarah, at 3, Building Material, etc.

A. BARNETT and PUGH.—At Goderich, Bayswater-road, Darlinghurst, at 2.30, Building Materials, etc.

KAMERUKA CHEDDAR CHEESE, was awarded the Grand Prix at the Franco-British Exhibition.—Advt.

Ellis and Co., Ld. Stock and Produce Merchants.—Sale of Hay, Chaff, etc., held at [illegible].—Advt.

MINING.

NOTES.

Yesterday being a public holiday, the Sydney Stock Exchange was closed.

The shaft at the Black Range West has been sunk to 120ft. The boiler and winch have arrived at the mine.

The mill at the Harden gold mine last week ran 129 hours, crushing 230 tons. There were cyanided 180 tons of sands, assaying 12.6/ per ton.

The drive north at the Sandstone Development mine has been advanced 11ft to a total distance of 646ft. No. 10 shaft, south drive, has been advanced 30ft to a total distance of 115ft.

A report from the manager of the Cope's Creek Dredging Company states that last week the paddock was pumped out, machinery cleaned, and dams repaired. The dredge resumed sluicing operations on Friday morning, working 30 hours, treating overburden. Everything worked well. Heavy rain fell on Friday night, and the creek was again in flood.

Last week the crosscut at No. 3 level (350ft from the surface) at the Harden Extended gold mine was advanced 20ft, making the total distance from the shaft 38ft. There were indications in the face that the channel might be cut at an early date. A subsequent wire from the manager stated: "Channel 45ft in 9in rubbly quartz. Further particulars letter."

Messrs. Bewick, Moreing, and Co., general managers of the Great Fitzroy Company, estimate the ore reserves as at December 31, 1909, to be 1,158,000 tons, and probable reserves 166,000 tons. They state that development work and treatment for the last half-year confirm the estimated value of the ore as at June 30, 1909; and that present developments indicate that there will be large additions to the ore reserves during the current half-year.

A report from the manager of the Main Ridge Deep Lead Gold-mining Company states that the new dam is now approaching completion, and the main wall has been raised to within 5ft of the determined height, namely, 20ft. When completed there will be a splendid sheet of water, with a holding capacity when full approximating 6,000,000 gallons, which will effectually provide for the water supply if the milling capacity is increased very considerably. The mine is now in a position to supply fully the mill demands, and a fair rainfall will enable continuous crushing to be carried on. The manager has no hesitation in stating that the results will be quite satisfactory, and that the mine will pay.

The manager of the Paddock Swamp Tin-dredging Company (Stanthorpe) reports—From January 4 to January 22 the pumps ran 116½ hours. Had a partial clean up on the 17th for a yield of 14cwt 1qr 8lb. We were unable to clean up the whole of the paddock on account of the boxes not being high enough to stack the tailings, as the ground is very much deeper. We have raised the boxed an additional 10ft, which caused a delay of three days. We are now taking out a paddock on the eastern side, which is very much softer than we have previously gone through. Expect to have final clean up on February 5.

The directors of the North Broken Hill Company have decided to recommend to shareholders to adopt the proposal sent from London that the capital of the company shall be increased by the issue of 60,000 shares of £1 each, thus giving a total capital of £200,000, the same as that of the Broken Hill South Company. The idea is that 25,000 shares shall be issued, and 25,000 held in reserve. The shares will be offered to shareholders at £2 per share, or £1 above par. This is in the proportion of one share for each four shares held. The mine is doing so well, and has developed such big ore reserves, that this extra "water" is not likely to make an appreciable difference to the market rates for scrip, so long as the price of lead remains favourable. The effect of the new capital will be to enable the company to build up a substantial cash reserve.

The Chillagoe Company's weekly wire states:—Zillmanton—Reid shaft, 200ft level: Water making; steam pump installed; no further opening will be made until plunger is working. In No. 1 shaft, water 195ft; repairing as we go down. No. 2 shaft: Water 150ft now below the point of inflow. The shaft is in a bad state. Plant: Proceeding with the erection of pump. Teesdale No. 1 shaft: Stoping fair-grade ore; 50 tons awaiting shipment; big reef continuing. Development in tunnel and 160ft level: Both winzes reached necessary depth, and stopped in fair-grade ore. Tunnel drive showing better ore. 160ft level: West drive showing 4 veins, fair-grade ore. East drive looking better. Battery workings: Keeping drained; started bailing. Percyville: Work delayed by storm. Wells' shaft: Sinking on 3ft mineralised ore. Walker's: Driving on 3ft mineralised ore. Union: Unwatering shaft. Goldsmith's Creek: No. 5 bore showed mineralised ore at 71ft. No. 6 bore on Lawrence's reef showing galena and copper and iron pyrites.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

LONDON, Jan. 26.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday shares in Australasian mining ventures were quoted as follow:—British Broken Hill, b 26/6, s 27/6; Broken Hill North, b 106/3, s 108/9; Broken Hill South, b 121/3, s 123/; Waihi Junction, b 28/9, s 31/3.

MINING IN THE STATE.

CANBELEGO, Wednesday.

The Boppy Boulder Gold Syndicate has its shaft down 32ft, and is sinking in quartzite, which is very hard.

About 12 days ago the Bonnie Dundee Company struck the lode 40ft east of the shaft at a depth of 400ft, and have proved it to be 12ft wide, of sulphide, and worth about 4 to 5 per cent. copper for the full width.

The contractors at the Canbelego copper mines will complete the chamber at the 200ft level this week, also timbering of same. Tenders have been called for 110ft of sinking, and the timbering of a shaft 12ft by 4ft in three compartments.

MT. DAVID, Wednesday.

The Main Ridge Nardon Litchfield Company's dam is now complete. It is estimated that when filled it will hold between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 gallons of water.

The Sophia Ridge Deep Lead Company are now engaged opening up their property.

The Long Point show, which is in close proximity, is engaged in prospecting operations, and splendid results have been obtained.

Martin and Kessey have completed the sale of part of their Swallow's Nest property, where a good deal of work has been done, showing good indications.

At Creker's shaft, adjacent to the Mount David mine, and the property of the Mount David Gold-mining Company, the company is busily engaged in erecting the necessary plant to continue the sinking of this shaft, with the object of testing the deep lead in this vicinity. The old shaft is down 160ft.

BARRIER MINES.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

Development work in the Junction mine has been temporarily suspended owing to the lack of coal. All machine work has been stopped. M'Intyre shaft has been cleaned out to the 450ft level. The air compressor and winding engine are being overhauled. Browne's shaft is being repaired about the 150ft level, and new timbers are being put in. Active work is being conducted on the surface, and the mill plant, engine and boiler plant, and other works are all well in hand.

The Peak Block 14 last week raised and sent away 551 tons of carbonates of average value. The preparations for the experimental murex plant are progressing.

TONGKAH HARBOUR COMPANY.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The secretary of the Lower Burmah Exploration Company advises that Mr. J. R. Booth, of the Tongkah Harbour Company, writing on December 23, said:—"I have not weighed any samples yet (no scales), and then I want assay; but to give an opinion, the show is well payable. One can find tin everywhere. The overburden carries tin from the grass roots. The conditions are most favourable for dredging."

TANAMI GOLDFIELD.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

A telegram has been received in Adelaide in reference to the Tanami field from Mr. B. A. Ogden, a resident at Hall's Creek, Western Australia, stating that Nos. 1 and 4 claims south, and No. 1 claim north, have struck real good stone. On an Adelaide company's lease a new line of reef was opened, and splendid specimens were obtained. He thinks Tanami must turn out one of the best fields in Australia. The extent of the gold-bearing country has been proved over two miles in length. "Nearly all adverse reports," he continued, "were sent by men unable to peg close to the Reward claim, and also by those who never hardly put a pick in the ground."

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MINING.

PERTH, Wednesday.

The State batteries last week crushed 876 tons for 810oz.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales and quotations were.—

W.A.: Associated, b 16/4½, s 16/7½; Northern, b 5/10, s 6/3; Ivanhoe[?], 5/7, b 5/7, s 5/8; Great Boulder, 24/1½, 24/, s 24/; Golden Ridge, b 17/9, s 18/3; Hainault, b 10/3, s 11/3; Oroya Brown Hill, b 15/, s 18/; Sons of Gwalia, b 37/6, s 38/6; Gwalia South, 24/6, 24/, b 24/, s 24/1½; South Kalgurli, b 15/6, s 16/.

Silver: B.H. Proprietary, 44/3, b 44/, s 44/6; British B.H., old, 27/, 26/9, b 26/9, s 26/10½; ditto, new, 26/3, 26/, b 25/10½, s 26/1½; B.H. Junction, 8/1, b 8/1, s 8/6; North B.H., b £5/9/, s £5/9/6; B.H. South, paid, b £6/1/6 s £6/2/6; ditto, contg., £5/17/, b £5/16/6, s £5/17/; South Blocks, 33/3, 33/1½, 33/1; B.H. Junction North, 43/, b 43/, s 43/3; Sulphide Corporation, 21/6, b 21/4½, s 21/6; Zinc Corporation, pref., b 46/, s 48/.

Copper: Chillagoe, 4/7, b 4/7, s 4/8; Mount Lyell, 37/1½, b 37/1½, s 37/6; Fitzroy, 22/10½, 23/, b 22/9, s 22/10½; Wallaroo, 45/9, b 45/6, s 45/9.

BENDIGO, Wednesday.

To-day's sales were:—Clarence United, 1/4; Goldsmith, /3½; Langi Logan South, /9; New Golden Fleece, /4; Suffolk United, 5/1½. The Langdon, /3½, /5.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales were:—No. 2 South Great Eastern, 2/5; Carrington United, paid, 3/.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales were:—

Silver: British Broken Hill, 27/; B.H. Junction North, 42/6, 42/3, 42/10½; Balfour Premier, £5/12/6, £5/15/, £5/12/6; Balfour South, £10; Mt. Jasper, £8; Mt. Balfour, £5; North Mt. Balfour, £8/14/.

Copper: Chillagoe, 4/8; Great Fitzroy, 22/9, 22/7½; Hampden, paid, 13/6.

Tin: Briseis, 6/5, 6/4; New Ruby Flat, 6/4½.

Gold: Ajax, 23/; Anderson, 1/3; Burnt Creek, 8/3; Cathcart, 19/, 17/6, 18/6; Cathcart Central, 3/, 3/1; ditto Margaret, 2/3; Cathcart North, 4/6, 4/9; Christensen Ajax, 3/11, 4/; Duke and Main Lead, 28/3; Great Southern Consols, 5/1; Langi Logan North, 1/1; ditto South, 1/9, 1/8½, 1/10; Long Tunnel Extended, 29/; Lord Nelson, 11/9; New Dry Diggings, 2/8; New Jubilee, 19/8; New Kohinoor, 3/2, 3/1; New Langi Logan, 3/4, 3/2; New Loch Fyne, 3/9, 3/11; Port Arthur, 2/, 3/6; Woah Hawp No. 1, 1/7.

LAUNCESTON, Wednesday.

To-day's quotations were: Tasmania, b 2/10, s 3/1; Magnet, s 16/6; North Mount Farrell, s 4/6; Hercules, b 9/, s 10/; Tasmania Copper, b 6/, s 6/3; Mount Bischoff, b £38/2/6, s £38/12/6; Arba, s 8/6; Pioneer, b 23/; Mutual Hill, b /7, s /10.

KYOGLE-CASINO RAILWAY.

LINE OFFICIALLY OPENED.

KYOGLE, Wednesday.

Kyogle was en fete to-day, when the railway linking the town with Casino and the North Coast section was officially declared open by the Acting Premier (Mr. Lee). The agitation for the line had extended over several years, but the fertility and possibilities of the Upper Richmond so impressed the Public Works Committee and Parliament that the bill rapidly passed through Parliament, and the turning of the first sod was performed by Mrs. Lee at Casino a year ago amidst great public enthusiasm. At that function Mr. Lee promised completion of the line by January 26, and, in keeping with that promise, the opening took place to-day. The line, which is 20 miles in length, passes through rich dairying country, which greatly pleased the 400 visitors who came by the first passenger train this morning.

Several presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. Lee, and the Acting Premier, in responding, said the event they were celebrating was but a stepping-stone to the greater prosperity of the town and district. He was having a survey made of the route to the highlands Woodenbong and Tooloom, and if the railway were connected to those centres its value to the district would be realised.

RECORD CONSTRUCTION.

CASINO, Wednesday.

Mr. Lee, Minister for Works, arrived on Tuesday by motor from Tenterfield, accompanied by Mrs. Lee, to open the Casino-Kyogle railway. During the afternoon a local deputation met him at the Town Hall, introduced by the Mayor. In the evening a complimentary banquet and smoke concert were tendered, the function being purely of a social character. Mr. Lee promised a special vote of £850 to the council, to be expended on the Tenterfield, Kyogle, and Irvington roads.

The Casino-Kyogle railway, which was opened by Mr. Lee to-day, is one of the many progressive works undertaken by this Government. Kyogle is a flourishing town, and has sprung into existence during the last nine years. It is distant by rail some 18 miles from Casino, on the Upper Richmond River, where 10 years ago existed the Kyogle station. This estate was subdivided, and practically the whole of the land for miles around has been alienated. To-day Kyogle, with its railway connection, is without doubt one of the most prosperous towns in the State. The country through which the line passes, and indeed right up to the Queensland border, will grow almost anything. The soil is of a rich black and chocolate nature, being in places 10ft deep, and the rainfall is large.

The bill authorising the construction of this railway was assented to on December 16, 1908, and the first sod was turned on January 26, 1909. It is therefore 12 months since the work was started, and may be regarded as a record in the history of railway construction in this State. In the carrying out of the work the Minister has had many difficulties to contend with. In the first place the scarcity of labour was a drawback almost from the inception, especially that of tip drays and teams, caused chiefly by the restrictions placed upon horses in the tick area. It became necessary to smear the horses engaged on the construction, and the horsemasters, believing the operation to be injurious to the animals, left the works. In many instances material had to be unloaded at the tick boundary, and reloaded on the other side. This lasted until the locomotive crossed this point, when there was no further need for horses.

The estimated total cost of the work is £87,118. The station buildings are not quite finished. They will be situate at Mammoona, about four miles from Casino; Fairy Hill, nine miles; Bararinal, 12 miles; Cedar Point, 15 miles; Kyogle, 18 miles.

GLEN INNES-INVERELL RAILWAY.

NATIONAL SCHEME URGED.

GLEN INNES, Wednesday.

A public meeting was held on Tuesday to renew the agitation for the construction of the Glen Innes-Inverell railway. There was a large and representative attendance, the Mayor presiding. Much enthusiasm was shown. Mr. John Wetherspoon, M.L.C., stated that the line from Inverell to Glen Innes is part of a national scheme, and had been passed by Parliament, and would have been carried out years ago if statesmen had been in power. Another speaker referred to the Moree-Inverell line, compared with the national aspect of the proposal to Glen Innes as "a penny dreadful affair constructed by Deadwood Dick politicians."

It was decided to send a delegation to Inverell to confer with the people there on the question. Alderman Scott (Mayor), Messrs. J. Wetherspoon, and Alderman J. Healey being appointed.

A GENEROUS GIFT.

PUBLIC PARK FOR AUCKLAND.

AUCKLAND, Wednesday.

In connection with the gift of a park to Auckland by Sir John and Lady Campbell, Miss C. H. Spence, the well-known colonist of 1839 says:—"New Zealand papers of January 13 tell of a handsome gift by Sir John and Lady Campbell, of Auckland, to the Free Kindergarten Association, and this recalls to me the young doctor of the barque Palmyra, 400 tons, from Greenock, who had his twenty-first birthday when I had my fourteenth off Glenelg, or (as it was called) Holdfast Bay, in the year 1839. I have often thought that the Palmyra brought valuable colonists to Australia. There were Sir William Milne, the family of Disher (whose elder daughter became the wife of our future President of the Legislative Council), and the younger was afterwards Mrs. Johnston, of Oakbank; my brother, the late J. B. Spence; my father's old valued clerk (Thomas Laid, [illegible]), the great man of [illegible], and an M.L.C. of New South Wales; Charles Williamson, founder of a great Collins-street business, and some big pastoralists in Victoria; but the young doctor has obtained the greatest distinction. He became the grand old man of Auckland (N.Z.), and after a romantic and chequered career has given the most beautiful park in the southern hemisphere to that city, laid out and equipped in the most modern and delightful fashion, to be a joy to generations of New Zealanders, and also to visitors from other lands. The Kindergarten movement in New Zealand is only a year old, but it has taken hold of the public conscience, and won the public sympathy."

MILITARY SCIENCE.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Wednesday.

The University Senate has carried a motion to include military science in the curriculum as an optional subject in the course for the degrees of B.A. and B.Sc.

MELBOURNE WOOL SALES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The catalogues to-day contained 7300 bales, and were submitted by Messrs. Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd., and the Australian Estates and Mortgage Co., Ltd. With the exception of a few good comebacks and fine crossbreds, the greasy selection was an ordinary one, but the display of scoureds was the best that has been offered in the Melbourne market for some years. Competition was very keen, with the result that highly satisfactory prices were realised, and late rates were fully maintained. Best scoureds were taken on Yorkshire account, but the bulk of such wools was secured by Continental operators.

Business men should take an occasional dose of Chamberlain's Tablets; they clear the brain.—Advt.

In the "Sydney Mail" this week there is an interesting article on The Trotting Horse—Old and New—A Comparison, by "Rothschild."—Advt.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

BRIGHTIE WINS FLYING HANDICAP.

ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP WON BY LEURON.

A holiday crowd something greater than last year's gathering assembled on the metropolitan heath yesterday to assist at the second day's racing of the A.J.C. Anniversary Meeting, which was favoured by delightfully fine weather, the bright sunshine being tempered by a cool breeze from the north-east. The lawn and enclosures bore evidence of the late rain, and the track was splendid going, fast times being recorded. An efficient transit service was provided, and in every other respect the arrangements at the course were up to the customary standard. Though a couple of falls occurred, the mishaps were not of a serious character, and the proceedings were ably supervised by the assistant secretary, Mr. T. R. Evans.

DRESSES AND ATTENDANCE.

The beautiful weather tempted thousands of visitors to Randwick, and the large attendance included many country representatives, although many of the faces familiar at the large race meetings were absent. It was quite a holiday gathering, and white muslin dresses, linen or shantung coats and skirts, were almost invariably chosen by the women present. The vice-regal box was occupied by his Excellency the Admiral and Lady Poore, who were attended by Flag-Lieutenant Fisher, R.N. Lady Poore wore a ciel blue crepe de chine semi-Empire dress, the bodice and square yoke trimmed with cream lace and guipure with a small touch of black; and her Tagel straw hat was trimmed with white flowers and a white veil. Mrs. J. R. Hall's honey-coloured shantung silk coat and skirt had large revers of black silk, a white net jabot and a large black picture hat completing the toilette. Mrs. J. S. Brunton wore white embroidered muslin, and a white hat trimmed with wistaria and pale mauve ribbon. Mrs. S. Levy's pale grey-blue shantung coat and skirt had black revers, and was worn with a black hat with grey feathers. Mrs. Meyer wore a dark strawberry-coloured silk coat and a black hat with her white dress. Mrs. Kelty was in white embroidered muslin, and a black hat with dark red roses. Mrs. Cargill, pale blue grass lawn, and a white silk hat lined with dark cerise. Mrs. Clubbe wore a pale blue semi-Empire crepe-de-chine dress with cream guipure, and a large black cloche hat. Mrs. Noile, black and white striped ninon, and a black hat trimmed with cream lace. Mrs. Elwyn Blomfield, black coat and skirt with black moire revers, and a dark green hat with white flowers; Mrs. M. Severn, cream silk voile, the bodice trimmed with cream guipure, and worn with a cream hat; Mrs. W. Brunton, tambour muslin coat and skirt trimmed with self-coloured insertion, and a black hat with pink flowers; Mrs. Gollin, white linen coat and skirt and a small black hat; Mrs. Frank Osborne, heliotrope linen coat and skirt, relieved with black buttons, and worn with a black hat. Mrs. Dodds, white muslin and a black hat with pink roses; Mrs. Moss, heliotrope linen coat and skirt and a black hat with white osprey; Mrs. Mackay, black and grey striped coat and skirt and a cream hat; Mrs. M. Barlow, dark blue and green figured Sicilian coat and skirt and blue hat trimmed with black; Mrs. Hunter White, embroidered white muslin and a black hat; Mrs. Caro, black crepe-de-chine and a black toque; Mrs. Walter Hall, nattier blue shantung coat and skirt and a black hat with black feathers; Mrs. Deery, pale blue shantung and a white hat with a wreath of green leaves. Miss Bayly wore white embroidered muslin, and a black hat with pink roses. Miss Ranken was in white muslin, with coat of white embroidery, and a black hat trimmed with dark violet and black ribbons; Mrs. R. Mackinnon, white linen coat and skirt and black hat; Miss Greta Robinson, white embroidered muslin, with a honey-coloured crinoline straw hat trimmed with dark green velvet; Miss Manning, white lawn and a white hat with pink roses; Miss Ethel Ranken, white linen and a white hat with pink roses; Miss Brennan, white linen and a heliotrope hat; Miss C. Douglas, white muslin and a black hat; Miss Harris, Tussore silk coat and skirt, with pale blue revers, and hat trimmed with black and blue. Miss Nea Mort was in white, and her sister wore a heliotrope linen coat and skirt. There were also present, amongst others, General Gordon, Lord Richard Nevill, Mr. C. E. Pilcher, Mr. Fitz-Wentworth, Dr. A. Cox, Mr. J. S. Brunton, Mr. Oswald Watt, Dr. H. Marks, Mr. R. Allen, Mr. V. Osborne, Mr. W. R. Hall, Dr. Sheldon, Mr. E. Fosbery, Mr. Stacey, Dr. Kelty, Mr. J. R. Hall, Mr. A. Turnbull, Mr. Herbert Harris, Mr. E. Watt, Mr. King, Dr. Clubbe, Major Dodds, Mr. Cope, Mr. H. Levy, Mr. N. Gibson, Mr. Davenport, and Mr. C. Weigall.

THE RACING.

The racing was of an interesting character right through, but backers, who fared pretty well on the opening day, experienced a bad time yesterday. Only one favourite managed to score, while a rank outsider got home in the principal event, and long-priced horses scored in each of the other four races. While taking part in the Flying Handicap, Malt Rose met with some interference, and lost her rider. An inquiry by the stewards elicited the fact that as the field approached the half-distance a horse in front of Malt Rose suddenly dropped back, consequently no blame was attached to A. Carney, who had the mount on the mare. Erin came to grief after a furlong had been covered in the race for the Novice Handicap, and an investigation showed that he had come into collision accidentally with Miss Bobbin, no blame being due to the other riders in the race.

Racing opened with the Flying Handicap, for which a baker's dozen were stripped, and the race was regarded as very open, every one of the competitors being backed. Despite his failure in the Challenge Stakes, in which he was one of the last to get home, Maltchester was again the public fancy, and he was backed down to 4 to 1, while Fille Fogi and Osmo disputed the honours of second favouritism. The favourite was quickly into his stride, but nearing the half-mile post Sucre took charge, and swept into the home stretch with the favourite and Brightie in hot pursuit. Brightie, however, had the measure of the opposition at the distance, and scored comfortably at the end from Porch, while Snowfoot, Fille Fogi, Maltchester, and Beau Vive finished almost in line with the third horse. Malt Rose fell at the half-distance, but neither horse nor rider was much the worse for the mishap. The winner was bred at the Durham Court stud, and is by Havoc from Mineral, by Metal from Lavinia, by The Drummer (imp.).

Only six of the 23 listed for the Novice Handicap survived the assaults of the scratching pen, and there was most money for Edna May, while every horse in the race was more or less marketable. The favourite, however, made one act of it, for, opening up a commanding lead at an early stage, she was not afterwards approached. The winner was bred at the Wambo stud, and is by imported Playbill from Puritan, by Positano (imp) from Woodnymph, by Musket from Sylvia, by Fisherman (imp.), an attractive pedigree.

The Corinthian Handicap, which attracted nine contestants, was reminiscent of past races at Randwick, restricted to amateur riders, and provided some excitement and amusement, especially while the horses were executing their preliminary canters. Neirbo took charge of his rider, Mr. F. O. Dowling, and galloped nearly half a mile before he was brought under control. Gale, who was piloted by Mr. E. Halloran, bucked, and got rid of his rider opposite the lawn. He resumed business in that line when the barrier was released, but, this time, Mr. Halloran stuck to his mount, who, however, took no part in the race. Dalmally soon took command, which he held from Hope Royal until fairly in line for home when an opening presented itself on the rails as the leader swung out, and Mr. Evans, who had the mount on Grenfell, took advantage of this. Sending the grey son of Launceston through just in the nick of time, Mr. Evans had the satisfaction of landing him an easy winner from Dalmally, who beat Hope Royal out of second honours.

The paddock withdrawals from the Anniversary Handicap were Duke of Clarence and Safrano, leaving 14 to contest for the prize. Speculation was very brisk, and a big majority of the runners were marketable. The San Francisco colt Gidyea had the market call, while King Bee and Eric disputed second favouritism, the best-backed of the others being Lady Wilde and Little Lad. When they lined up at the barrier, Eric occupied the berth next the rails, and in extended order were Proportion, Leuron, Marlee, and Jinnee; the outer wing comprised Brackenburg, Chevron, Marcotina, Hoax, and Gidyea, while the central division included Little Lad, King Bee, and Duke of Clarence. An excellent start was effected, and when they had settled into their strides, Leuron took temporary command, but as they rattled out of the straight, Hoax and Gidyea ran through, and the former carried her field along until nearing the half-distance. Here Leuron, who had been running in the leading division all the way, tackled the Grafton mare, headed her after a sharp but decisive encounter, and easily accounted for her in the run home. The favourite ran prominently until half a mile from home; then he faded out of the fray, and was one of the last to pass the post. King Bee was never dangerous, but Eric made a bold bid for victory at the distance, only to peter out of it at the critical time, and failed to get a situation. Lady Wilde never gave her supporters any hope, while Brackenburg shaped better than he has done for some time. Leuron's success was a triumph for the ring-men; in fact, none of the placed horses had any public support to speak of, as there was plenty of money on offer against Leuron at 20 to 1 at the rise of the barrier; while the prices available about Hoax and Brackenburg were 33 to 1 and 25 to 1 respectively. The winner, who carried the livery of his trainer, G. Gaillmore, is by True Blue—son of Hotchkiss—from Early Bird, and was well supported for the January Handicap on Saturday, in which he finished third behind Lady Ruenalf and Jinnee; but that form did not inspire many of his admirers to follow his fortunes yesterday.

A field of 15 was stripped for the Second Nursery Handicap, and backers selected the Maltster filly Energetic, who had the services of J. Pike in the saddle, as the best of the bunch; while the St. Alwyne colt Winker also commanded good support, Hartfell and Zilper being the best backed of the others. Though the favourite ran prominently all the way to the distance, she failed to see out the finish, and Gladswood, who had been well in evidence from the start, ran through at the half-distance, followed by the Fucile colt Sir Vive, whom he beat by a very narrow margin in an exciting encounter. The winner, who is the property of Mr. J. S. Brunton, the owner of Maltine, is by the defunct Sir Foote (imp.) from Miss Symington (imp.), by Symington from a mare by Juggler from Mosquito—sister to the famous Musket. He was bred at the Cambadello stud by Messrs. Moses Bros., and was purchased at the yearling sales for 170 guineas.

The meeting was brought to a close with the Highweight Handicap, for which nine took the track, and Doon Lassie, with Barden up, was the popular selection; while, despite her recent failures, Black Range was accorded sound support, and there was also money at more expansive odds for Achillean, Duke of Clarence, Forte, and Safrano. When fairly going, Safrano took charge, and, escorted by the favourite, set a solid pace until in line for the judge's box. Here the favourite ranged up alongside Safrano, and for a few strides the issue was in doubt, but responding gamely to the call of his rider, W. Osborne, the son of Flavus (imp.) shook off Doon Lassie, and comfortably stalled off a late run from Black Range. Safrano, who is full-brother to Kuringai and Flamen, was, like the previous winner, bred at the Cambadello stud, and his dam, Veloce, is by Bill of Portland (imp.) from Tea Rose, by Martini-Henry—son of Musket.

The details of the racing are subjoined:—

FLYING HANDICAP, a handicap sweepstakes of 4 sovs each, with 200 sovs added; for all horses; second horse 40 sovs, and third horse 20 sovs from the prize. 6f.

Mr. A. Baker's br m Brightie, by Havoc—Mineral, 5yrs, 7st 4lb (J. Pike) 1
Mr. A. G. White's b g Porch, by Ruenalf—Parapet, 4yrs, 7st 8lb (S. Callinan) 2
Mr. H. Marsden's b g Snowfoot, by Soult (imp.)—Helen M'Gregor, 5yrs, 7st (F. Hood) 3

Other starters: Lady Ruenalf, 9st 5lb (J. Barden); Fille Fogi, 9st (W. Osborne); Osmo, 8st 9lb (J. Forbes); Maltchester, 8st 6lb (W. M'Lachlan); Beau Vive, 7st 12lb (P. J. Foley); Malt Rose, 7st 11lb (E. Carney); Sucre, 7st 9lb (S. Lamond); Veronite, 7st 7lb (N. Wood); Barley Brew, 7st 2lb (R. W. Brennan); Young Jacky, 7st 1lb, including 1lb over (W. H. Smith).

Betting: 4 to 1 v Maltchester, 6 to 1 each v Fille Fogi and Osmo, 10 to 1 each v Young Jacky, Lady Ruenalf, and Brightie, 12 to 1 each v Snowfoot, Veronite, and Porch, 14 to 1 v Malt Rose, 16 to 1 v Beau Vive, 20 to 1 v Sucre.

Maltchester was the first to show out, and with Brightie on terms passed the five furlongs post, followed by Sucre and Snowfoot. When they reached the half-mile post Sucre was in command from Veronite and Brightie, half-lengths separating them, Brightie was a couple of lengths away, followed by Young Jacky. That order was preserved round the bend, and Sucre turned into the straight just in advance of Maltchester, Brightie, and Porch, with Osmo coming on the outside. Brightie took charge at the distance from Maltchester, Porch, and Snowfoot. Malt Rose fell at the half-distance, and Brightie, coming on, won by a length and a quarter from Porch, who was a head in advance of Snowfoot. Fille Fogi, Beau Vive, and Maltchester almost in line were very close up, and they were followed by Veronite and Osmo, while Sucre was the last to finish. Time, 1m 12½s.

NOVICE HANDICAP, a handicap sweepstakes of 4 sovs each, with 200 sovs added; second horse 40 sovs and third horse 20 sovs from the prize; for three-year-olds and upwards which have not won a race exceeding 75 sovs in value up to time of entrance; ridden by apprentices who have not ridden five winners. 1m.

Mr. Stirling's b m Edna May, by Playbill (imp.)—Puritan, 4yrs, 8st 2lb (J. Osborne) 1
Mr. A. W. Hampton's b m Miss Bobbin, by True Blue—Shuttle, 4yrs, 7st 11lb (W. Lamond) 2
Mr. R. Gaut's br g Sir Simpleton, by Sir Tristram (imp.)—Retreat, 5yrs, 7st 12lb (T. Byrne) 3

Other starters: Erin, 8st 10lb (W. Harris); Minea, 7st 12lb (W. Dougherty); Golden City, 7st 7lb (J. M'Glone).

Betting: 2 to 1 v Edna May, 4 to 1 v Golden City, 5 to 1 each v Sir Simpleton and Erin, 7 to 1 v Minea, 10 to 1 v Miss Bobbin.

Edna May jumped off in front, and passed the seven furlongs post a couple of lengths from Miss Bobbin and Golden City, who were a length clear from the others, while Erin came to grief. Drawing right away Edna May opened up a gap of eight lengths at the six furlongs post, the other positions being unchanged; and so they ran to the bend, where Sir Simpleton moved up into third place. Edna May swung into the straight half a dozen lengths clear from her followers, and, coming on, won by five lengths from Miss Bobbin, with Sir Simpleton a length away third. Golden City was a similar distance off fourth, and three lengths in advance of Minea. Time, 1m 40½s.

CORINTHIAN HANDICAP, a handicap sweepstakes of 4 sovs each, with 250 sovs added; second horse 40 sovs, and third horse 20 sovs from the prize. For three-year-old and upwards. Horses to be ridden by amateurs approved by the committee. Lowest weight 10st. 1m.

Mr. S. Fielder's gr g Grenfell (late Spanker), by Launceston—Hope, 5yrs, 10st 5lb (Mr. T. Evans) 1
Mr. I. Earnshaw's b or br g Dalmally, by Dalmeny (imp.)—Philopena, 6yrs, 10st 7lb (Mr. W. M'Credie) 2
Mr. J. C. Finn's b h Hope Royal, by Grafton (imp.)—Perilous, 4yrs, 11st 4lb (Mr. L. M'Donald) 3

Other starters: War Bee, 11st 2lb (Mr. C. Lyne); Neirbo, 10st 6lb (Mr. F. O. Dowling); The Royal Friar, 10st 6lb (Mr. E. Brown); Gale, 10st 3lb, including 2lb over (Mr. E. Halloran); Contorp, 10st (Mr. E. M'Sweeney); Diorite, 10st 2lb, including 2lb over (Mr. W. N. Beaumont).

Betting: 5 to 2 v Hope Royal, 6 to 1 each v The Royal Friar and War Bee, 7 to 1 v Dalmally, 8 to 1 each v Grenfell and Contorp, 12 to 1 v others.

They were sent off in line, but Gale pulled up in a few strides, and gave an exhibition of bucking. War Bee and Grenfell were first to show out, but were quickly headed by Dalmally, who passed the seven furlongs post a couple of lengths from Hope Royal, after whom came Diorite, Grenfell, and Contorp, with War Bee last. In that order they raced along the back stretch and to the half-mile post, where Dalmally was still leading by a neck from Hope Royal, after whom came Neirbo and Diorite, while War Bee was strung out, and later on almost pulled up. Dalmally turned into the home stretch a couple of lengths from Hope Royal and Neirbo, while Grenfell was coming fast on the rails, and taking command at the distance, came on and won easily by three lengths from Dalmally, who was a length in advance of Hope Royal. Neirbo was four lengths off next, and five in front of Contorp and Diorite, with The Royal Friar at the tail of the main body, and War Bee, who got going again, a couple of furlongs away. Time, 1m 4[illegible]s.

ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP, a handicap sweepstakes of 10 sovs each, with 500 sovs added; for three-year-olds and upwards; second horse 100 sovs, and third horse 50 sovs from the prize. 1¼m.

Mr. G. Gaillmore's ch h Leuron, by True Blue—Early Bird, 4yrs, 7st 11lb (R. Abbott) 1
Mr. A. Foley's br m Hoax, by Grafton (imp.)—Vanity, 4yrs, 8st 9lb (P. J. Foley) 2
Mr. H. Fielder's br h Brackenburg, by Brakpan—Helene, 4yrs, 7st 6lb (J. E. Pike) 3

Other starters: Ungarie, 9st (M. Connell); Eric, 8st 6lb (A. Wood); Proportion, 8st 8lb (W. M'Lachlan); Marlee, 8st 2lb (N. Wood); Lady Wilde, 8st 1lb (H. Duggan); King Bee, 8st (W. Osborne); Little Lad, 7st 8lb (S. Lamond); Gidyea, 7st 7lb (W. H. Smith); Jinnee, 7st (R. W. Brennan); Chevron, 6st 12lb (W. Dougherty); Marcotina, 6st 12lb, including 5lb penalty (F. Hood).

Betting: 5 to 2 v Gidyea, 6 to 1 each v King Bee and Eric, 9 to 1 v Lady Wilde, 10 to 1 v Little Lad, 14 to 1 v Marcotina, 15 to 1 each v Jinnee and Ungarie, 20 to 1 v Leuron, 25 to 1 each v Proportion, Marlee, and Brackenburg, 33 to 1 v Hoax.

From a good despatch Eric, Proportion, and Leuron made play, and Leuron passed the judge's box with Little Lad and Gidyea at his heels, and they were succeeded by Hoax, Proportion, and Eric, while Chevron, Jinnee, and Marlee formed the rear division. Leuron was steadied as they turned out of the straight, where Hoax and Gidyea were disputing the lead, with Leuron, Little Lad, and Brackenburg just in their wake, while Marcotina and King Bee were at the head of the others. Passing the nine furlongs post Hoax took charge, and rattled past the mile post a length and a half from Gidyea, who had Brackenburg and Marcotina at his heels; then on close terms came Lady Wilde, Leuron, and Eric, with Little Lad at the head of the others. Hoax was two lengths in front of Marcotina, Brackenburg, and Gidyea at the seven furlongs post, Lady Wilde and Leuron being next; and so they raced along the back stretch to the five furlongs post, where Hoax was still going strongly two lengths in front of Brackenburg and Gidyea, after whom came Marcotina, Lady Wilde, and Leuron, with Proportion at the head of the others, and without material alteration they swept past the half-mile post. Hoax held her place round the bend from Brackenburg, while Eric ran into third place, followed by Leuron and Proportion. Hoax turned into the straight with Eric, Leuron, and Brackenburg at her heels, and Proportion next; and so they passed the distance, but inside that point Leuron tackled Hoax, had her in trouble at the half-distance, and easily beat her home by three lengths. Brackenburg was a length away third, and two lengths in advance of Marlee, Lady Wilde, Eric, and Proportion, after whom came Chevron, King Bee, Jinnee, and Ungarie, while Gidyea, Little Lad, and Marcotina were the last to pass the post. Time, 2m 34s.

SECOND NURSERY HANDICAP, a handicap sweepstakes of 4 sovs each, with 200 sovs added; for two-years-old; second horse 40 sovs, and third horse 20 sovs from the prize. 5f.

Mr. John S. Brunton's b c Gladswood, by Sir Foote (imp.)—Miss Symington (imp.), 2yrs, 7st 12lb, including 1lb over (W. Osborne) 1
Mr. A. Foley's b c Sir Vive, by Fucile—Glen Vive, 2yrs, 7st 9lb (P. J. Foley) 2
Mr. Allington's br c Prince Lack, by Lancaster—Morny, 2yrs, 8st 6lb (M. Connell) 3

Other starters: Electric Wire, 9st 5lb (W. M'Lachlan); Lady Meg, 8st 8lb (N. Wood); Wend, 7st 12lb (J. Callinan); Hartfell, 7st 11lb (J. [illegible]); Winker, 7st 10lb, including 1lb over (A. Wood); Prince Alwyne, 7st 10lb, including 1lb over (H. Duggan); Energetic, 7st 5lb (J. Pike); Cayenne, 7st 4lb (E. Tucker); Moorilla, 7st 2lb (J. M'Gowan); Mooraki, 7st 2lb (R. W. Brennan); Zilper, 7st 1lb, including 1lb over (W. H. Smith); Yucca, 7st (J. Shepherd).

Betting: 3 to 1 v Energetic, 4 to 1 v Winker, 8 to 1 each v Hartfell and Zilper, 10 to 1 each v Electric Wire and Prince Lack, 11 to 1 v Gladswood, 20 to 1 v Cayenne.

Zilper and Mooraki moved off in front, and, passing the half-mile post, Zilper was slightly in advance of Lady Meg, Cayenne, Energetic, and Winker, who were followed by Gladswood, and a great cluster. Energetic joined Zilper as they swung round the bend, and they were closely followed by Gladswood, Lady Meg, and Cayenne. Energetic was showing slightly in front of Zilper, as they swept into the straight, and at the distance the pair were disputing the lead, with Gladswood, Sir Vive, Prince Lack, and Cayenne in pursuit. Finishing gamely on the outside, Gladswood took charge at the half-distance, and, stalling off a bold bid from Sir Vive, beat him by a head. Prince Lack was a length away third, closely followed by Electric Wire, Energetic, Cayenne, Winker, Mooraki, and Lady Meg, while Prince Alwyne was the last to pass the post. Time, 1m [illegible]s.

HIGHWEIGHT HANDICAP, a handicap sweepstakes of 4 sovs each, with 200 sovs added. For three-year-olds and upwards; second horse 40 sovs, and third horse 20 sovs from the prize. 1m.

Mr. A. G. White's b g Safrano, by Flavus (imp.)—Veloce, 4yrs, 9st 4lb (W. Osborne) 1
Mr. J. K. Hart's blk m Black Range, by Ayr Laddie (imp.)—Silver Coin, 4yrs, 8st 10lb (W. M'Lachlan) 2
Mr. J. Marsden's br h Forte, by Fortunatus (imp.)—Lyre Bird, 5yrs, 9st 9lb (M. Connell) 3

Other starters: Achillean, 9st 10lb (A. Wood); Duke of Clarence, 9st 4lb (R. W. Brennan); Doon Lassie, 9st 2lb (J. Barden); Nanky Poo, 8st 12lb (S. Lamond); Minea, 8st 7lb (N. Wood); The Royal Friar, 8st 7lb (J. Pike).

Betting: 5 to 2 v Doon Lassie, 4 to 1 v Black Range, 6 to 1 v Achillean, 8 to 1 each v Duke of Clarence, Forte, and Safrano, 20 to 1 v others.

Forte and Safrano were smartest off the mark, and the latter, taking command at the end of the first furlong, led past the six furlongs post from Doon Lassie and Forte. Safrano carried his field past the five furlongs post, followed by Doon Lassie, Black Range, Forte, Duke of Clarence, and Achillean, and so they ran past the half-mile post. Safrano came round the bend escorted by Doon Lassie, after whom succeeded Duke of Clarence, Black Range, Forte, and Achillean. That order was preserved into the straight, and at the distance Doon Lassie ranged up level with Safrano, but the latter shook her off at the half-distance, and, stalling off a run from Black Range, beat her by a length and a half. Forte was two lengths further back, and a head in advance of Doon Lassie and Duke of Clarence; then succeeded Nanky Poo, Achillean, and Minea, with The Royal Friar last. Time, 1m [illegible]s.

SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEWTOWN.

MAYORAL ALLOWANCE.

At the last meeting of the Newtown Council there was a good deal of discussion as to what, if any, allowance should be granted to the Mayor for 1910.

Alderman Lewis said he had previously opposed voting the Mayor an allowance, but he had altered his mind, for, under the new Act, the Mayor had to incur a good deal of expense. He therefore moved that £100 be given.

Alderman Banfield wanted to know whether the practice of giving the Mayor an allowance was usual or exceptional.

The Mayor (Alderman Morgan) said the practice had varied, and, so far as he could ascertain, about half the councils gave an allowance.

Alderman Elstub seconded the motion.

Alderman Clegg opposed the motion. The traditions of municipal government should be continued, and Newtown had always set its face against a Mayoral allowance.

Alderman Elstub: What about members of Parliament, who get £300 a year?

Alderman Clegg: I would wipe that out too, or at any rate I would diminish the present allowance very considerably.

Aldermen Turtle, Cox, and Edwards opposed the motion.

Alderman Rigg said he would vote for the motion. A Mayor, if he kept up the traditions of his office, had often to put his hand in his pocket. That was so during his term of office. There were certain expenses which a Mayor should not be expected to incur.

Alderman Campbell having supported the motion, a vote was taken, and was found to be equal.

The Mayor said he would give his casting vote against the motion in order that it could be brought forward on some other occasion. The ordinance gave the council power to vote money to recoup the Mayor for any specific expenditure incurred.

NEW TRAMLINE FOR MARRICKVILLE.

At the last meeting of the Marrickville Council Mr. Parkes, M.L.A., who is acting for the district Parliamentary representative, informed the aldermen that the Government had decided to construct a tramline along Illawarra-road from the old Marrickville terminus to Campbell's Hill, and that the Minister for Works had instructed Mr. Hutchinson to prepare a report as to the best method of overcoming the difficulty of getting over a level crossing at Marrickville.

MAYORAL ELECTIONS.

As the time approaches for the election of Mayors in the four municipalities in the northern suburbs the names of probable candidates are freely discussed. Alderman Milson, the Mayor of North Sydney, is, it is understood, willing to accept a further term of office, and as there have been no other aspirants so far, it is probable that the present occupant of the Mayoral chair will next year again preside over the council. The present Mayor of Mosman, Alderman J. J. Glover, has done excellent service during the past year, and will be a candidate for re-election, but may be opposed by Alderman F. Strange, who on previous occasions has filled the office. At Willoughby Alderman F. G. Bailey, the present Mayor, completes two years of good work, and is not likely to seek re-election, though he has not yet come to a decision. It is probable that Alderman Robey, who on two previous occasions lost office by the drawing of lots, will be the new Mayor, though Alderman Forsyth may also be a candidate. At Lane Cove Mayor Holdsworth is not yet threatened with opposition should he be willing to accept a further term of office.

HABERFIELD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The virility of the comparatively newly-settled district of Haberfield is manifested in its district association, which watches over its social, municipal, and material progress. The association has been in existence for four years, and its fourth annual meeting was held last week, Mr. C. R. Chapman presiding. Among matters in which the association has been active are the improvement of the tramway service, the acquisition of a waterside park, extension of sewerage, an infants' school, a post-office, a bridge in Marion-street, reduction of sanitary fees, and a school of arts. Some of these have reached the stage of accomplishment. Forty-eight new members were enrolled during the year.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. C. R. Chapman; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. I. Campbell and J. F. Cortes, Rev. Dr. Merrington, and Dr. T. G. Campbell; joint hon. secretaries, Messrs. A. E. Spriggs and J. J. Potter; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. R. B. Chinn; committee, Messrs. R. Snelling, T. G. Grace, M. O'Keefe, C. J. Turner, and W. G. Vick; auditors, Messrs. B. M'Dowell and M'Alister.

ENFIELD MATTERS.

At the last meeting of the Enfield Council Mr. Parkes, M.L.A., detailed what progress had been made with various movements affecting the district. He said that the Minister for Lands had approved of half the cost of the new park, and the new bridge over Cook's River would shortly be completed. Substantial improvements and extensions were to be carried out at the South Strathfield and Croydon Park Public schools. The Minister for Works had sanctioned the extension of sewerage and water mains to the district, and money had been placed on the estimates for a new fire station in the municipality. The council decided to give its vote in favour of Mr. F. A. Morgan as a member of the Fire Brigades Board, and also carried a resolution protesting against the increase in the Fire Brigade compulsory contribution.

The estimates furnished by Mr. R. G. Frost, town clerk, showed that the total capital value of unimproved land was £177,508, on which a rate of 3d in the £ was decided to be levied. The rates receivable would amount to £2488, and the amount in hand and other revenue likely to be available £874. The estimated expenditure was £2362.

The council recently took a referendum on the question of handing over the control of cemeteries to the council. Only 183 ratepayers took sufficient interest in the matter to turn up to vote, and the result was a decision against the proposal by 130 votes to 32. No fewer than 21 informal votes on such a simple question were recorded.

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SPORTING.

THE TURF.

Mr. H. Cobcroft, secretary Victoria Park Racing Club, invites entries up to 5 p.m. to-day for the pony and galloway meeting on Wednesday. The prize money aggregates £300, of which £70 each goes to the Hurdle Race and the Victoria Park Handicap.

Messrs. Wm. Inglis and Son hold a sale of thoroughbred horses this afternoon at T. Payten's Newmarket stables, Randwick. The horses catalogued include Fille Fogi, Proportion, Scotch Pie, Plate, Edna May, Probus, Contorp, Scotch Pie, Frederick, and other well-known performers. The sale commences at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

Referring to the successes of Maltine, the winner of the Centenary Stakes on Saturday, it was inadvertently stated that all her victories were associated with her present trainer, J Buxton; but it will be remembered that she was first entrusted to T. F. Scully, and while connected with his stable, credited her owner with the Gimcrack Stakes, Maribyrnong Plate, and other races as a two-year-old, as well as the V.R.C. Bourke and Farewell handicaps at Flemington, and the Rawson Stakes at Rosehill last year. Her preparation for the A.J.C. Metropolitan Stakes and the Craven Stakes last spring was supervised by her present trainer.

The Musket blood was prominently in evidence at Randwick yesterday, when no fewer than four of the winners claimed descent from that illustrious sire. Musket's daughter, Woodnymph, is the grand-dam of Edna May, who annexed the Novice Handicap; Leuron, who won the Anniversary Handicap, claims the great son of Toxophilite as his great grandsire; Miss Symington (imp.), the dam of Gladswood, winner of the Second Nursery Handicap, runs back in the female line to Musket's sister, Mosquito; and, similarly, Safrano, the winner of the Highweight Handicap, traces to Tea Rose, by Martini-Henry—son of Musket.

Grenfell, who secured the Corinthian Handicap at Randwick yesterday, was ridden by Mr. T. Evans, a son of Mr. T. R. Evans, assistant secretary of the Australian Jockey Club. Mr. T. Evans is an enthusiastic amateur horseman, and is a regular visitor to Randwick in the early mornings to ride work. He rode a patient race, and when the opportunity of an opening on the rails presented itself at the home turn, he promptly took advantage of it. He has ridden several horses at Randwick in the past, but this was his first winning mount at headquarters, and he was warmly congratulated on his success.

Mr. Bert Williams, a member of the committee, has been appointed secretary of the South Broken Hill Jockey Club (writes our local correspondent), in place of Mr. A. F. Holdsworth, whom the labour unions caused to be dismissed. Mr. Williams had been timekeeper of the club for the past three years. The club will hold a race meeting on March 2, distributing £80 over a five-event programme.

BOWRAL RACE CLUB.

KIAKI WINS A DOUBLE.

BOWRAL, Wednesday.

The Anniversary meeting of the Bowral Race Club was held to-day, and was the most successful meeting yet held by the club. Beautiful weather prevailed, and there was a record attendance. The course was in good order, the fields large, the racing interesting, and free from accident. The Wollongong horse, Kiaki, won the principal event, the Bowral Cup, and also secured the Flying Handicap. Results:—

Opening Handicap, 6f.—G. H. Tate's Kiaki, by Haut Boy—Brilliant, 7st 2lb (Kuhn), 1; W. H. Anderson's Boro, 7st 12lb (Bellingham), 2; Wartop, 7st 7lb, also started, but lost his rider. Betting: Even money on Boro, 5 to 4 v Kiaki, 3 to 1 v Wartop. The favourite and Kiaki raced neck and neck until entering the straight, where Kiaki drew away and won by a length and a half. Time, 1m 17¼s.

Bowral Stakes, 6f.—Arthur Neich's The Prial, by The Laird—Sweetmeat mare, 6st 10lb (A. G. Phillips), 1; P. Fitzgerald's Banteer, 7st 4lb (P. Kuhn), 2; J. W. Will's Provido, 6st 12lb (Farrelly), 3. Other starters: Schultz, 8st 4lb; Lynrosm, 8st; Kepler, 7st 12lb; Barletta, 7st 12lb; Baden, 7st 2lb; Killarney, 6st 7lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v Banteer, 3 to 1 each v Kepler and Barletta, 5 to 1 each v Schultz and Linrosm, 10 to 1 v others. The Prial led throughout, and won comfortably by two lengths.

Hurry Scurry, 6f.—C. Clarke's J.C., by Cravat—Figleaf, 8st (Kuhn), 1; G. Neich's Dodger, 8st 5lb (Waters), 2. Other starters: Phylloxera (late Medalist), 9st 4lb, inc. 4lb over; Wytara, 8st 7lb; The Flat, 7st 6lb; Foothenoe, 7st 2lb. Betting: Even money on Phylloxera, 3 to 1 v The Flat, 5 to 1 v J.C., 7 to 1 v others. Won by a length from Phylloxera, who was disqualified for not drawing weight, and second place was awarded to Dodger. Time, 1m 29½s.

Bowral Cup, 1¼m.—G. H. Tate's Kiaki, by Haut Boy—Brilliant, 8st, including 7lb penalty (P. Kuhn), 1; J. Carr's Schoolboy, 6st (Robbins), 2; N. Watterson's Zealot, 9st 5lb (Luckey), 3. Other starters: Ostanio, 8st; Thona, 8st; Kepler, 7st 2lb; Carrawarra (late Enronderee), 6st 10lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v Zealot, 4 to 1 each v Kiaki and Ostanio, 5 to 1 each v Thona and Kepler, 6 to 1 v Carrawarra, 7 to 1 v Schoolboy. Kiaki and Schoolboy made all the running, and the former, taking the lead at the back of the course, won by a couple of lengths. Time, 2m 14s.

Hack Race, 7f.—Mr. Tweedie's Embrace, by Tim Whiffler—Caress, 8st 6lb (Nelligan), 1; W. H. Anderson's Schultz, 9st 5lb (Murphy), 2; P. Murray's Barletta, 8st 12lb (W. Austin), 3. Other starters: Terrie, 8st 7lb; Glenroy, 8st 6lb; Provido, 7st 12lb; The Prial, 7st 10lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v Barletta, 3 to 1 v The Prial, 4 to 1 v Embrace, 5 to 1 each v Terrie and Glenroy, 6 to 1 each v Schultz and Provido. Won by a length and a half. Time, 1m 33 2-5s.

Welter Handicap, 7f.—W. H. Anderson's Boro, by Meravian—Emma, 9st 7lb (Bellingham), 1; P. Fitzgerald's Banteer, 7st 10lb (Kuhn), 2. Other starters: Tariff, 9st 7lb; Lynden, 9st 2lb; Schoolboy, 9st; Ostanio, 8st 2lb; Thona, 8st; Carrawarra, 7st 7lb. Betting: 3 to 1 each v Schoolboy, Banteer, and Tariff, 4 to 1 each v Boro and Lynden, 7 to 1 v Thona, 10 to 1 v others. This was the best race of the day, Boro winning by a length after a ding-dong battle with Banteer. Time, 1m 32½s.

DENILIQUIN L. V. RACE CLUB.

FAVOURITES SUCCESSFUL.

DENILIQUIN, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the Licensed Victuallers' Race Club to-day was poorly attended owing to the excessive heat. The fields were not large, but exceptionally fast times were registered. Rosemary and Oyo each won a double, and the bookmakers had a disastrous experience. Results:—

Trial Handicap, 6f.—G. Ayres's Oyo, by Rosebery—Kendall, 8st (Stewart), 1; P. Duggan's Goldbar, 9st 5lb (owner), 2; P. Daly's Britomarte, 7st 10lb (Nevinson), 3. Other starters: Beware, Tranquil, Trenchers. Betting: 2 to 1 on the winner. Won in a canter by two lengths. Time, 1m 18s.

Licensed Victuallers' Handicap, 1m.—Mrs. Thomas's Rosemary, by Rosebery—Bo Peep, carried 8st (Stewart), 1; P. Duggan's Joker, 9st 5lb (Fitzmaurice), 2; J. Bott's Deniliquin, 7st 7lb (Bott), 3. Only three started. Betting: Even money on the winner, 6 to 4 v Joker. Won easily by three lengths. Time, 1m 43s.

District Trot, 1m.—W. Hardman's Brown Jug, 10s start, 1; J. Everett's Monty, 10s, 2s; J. Bouchiere's Muldoon, 3. Other starters: Warrigal, Gold Rock, Guy Fawkes. Betting: 6 to 4 on Brown Jug. Won by 10 lengths.

Flying Handicap, 6f.—Mrs. T. Thomas's Rosemerry, 7st 8lb (Stewart), 1; J. King's Simplicity, 2; P. Duggan's Joker, 3. Other starters: Uncus, Gold Bar. Betting: 2 to 1 on Rosemerry, 2 to 1 v Simplicity. Won easily by a length and a half. Time, 1m 16½s.

Open Trot, 1¼m.—J. Everett's Monty, 1; J. Robertson's Young Era, 2; W. Fuller's Whalebone, 3. Won by seven lengths.

Forced Handicap, 7f.—Oyo, 9st (Stewart), 1; Deniliquin, 7st 7lb (Bott), 2. Only two starters. Won by half a length.

TUMBARUMBA TURF CLUB.

TUMBARUMBA, Wednesday.

The annual meeting was concluded to-day. Results:—

Second Hurdles.—Favourite, 10st 12lb (Kelly), 1; Golden Trent, 9st (Baker), 2; Clovelly (10st 12lb (Faunt), 3. Wigella also started. Time, 4m 6¼s.

Commonwealth Handicap.—Rossi, 9st (Faunt), 1; Uncle Jack, 8st 7lb (Grant), 2; Kimba, 8st (Stones), 3. Oriental and Corralyan also started. Betting: 3 to 1 v the winner. Time, 1m 1¼s.

Town Plate.—Surprise, 7st 5lb (Grant), 1; Demand, 7st 5lb (Gatesskill), 2; M.D.R., 9st 5lb (Faunt), 3. St. Trella and Lightstep also started.

Bracelet.—Corralynn, 7st 6lb (Kelly), 1; Golden Trent, 10st 13lb (Mr. Smith), 2; Ascon, 11st 4lb (Mole), 3. Time, 1m 54½s.

Forced Handicap.—Lightstep, 6st 11lb (Webber), 1; M.D.R., 9st, 2; St. Trella, 8st 5lb, 3. Won easily.

TASMANIAN TURF CLUB.

DRUMREAGH AND ILIAD DEAD HEAT FOR CUP.

LAUNCESTON, Wednesday.

The Summer Meeting of the Tasmanian Turf Club opened at Mowbray this afternoon, in fine cool weather. There was a large attendance, including his Excellency the State Governor and suite. The two large cities of the Commonwealth were well represented, and numerous contingents of sporting visitors were present from Hobart and the southern parts of the island. Mowbray, with several alterations effected, looked more modernly appointed than heretofore, whilst the course was in perfect order. The sum of £8774 was put through the totalisator in 10s investments.

Results:—

Trial, 7f.—A. F. O'Connor's Powder, by Wallace—Auriferous, 7st 10lb (C. Andrews), 1; T. A. Clarke and H. Richard's Kama, 7st 12lb (Haines), 2; K. Harris' Lenno, 8st 9lb (Roles), 3. Thirteen started. Won by a length and three-quarters, three lengths separating second and third. Time, 1m 29 4-5s. Dividends: Inside, 26s and 6s; outside, 29s and 8s.

Inverisk Stakes, 5f.—A. and W. Garner's Lady Chiron, by Chiron, 8st (Farmer), 1; R. C. Field's Audrieh, 10st (Dunn), 2; F. W. Clarke's Secheron, 8st (Hopwood), 3. Ten starters. Won by a long neck, 3½ lengths separating second and third. Time, 1m 2 4-5s. Dividend: Inside, 35s.

Launceston Cup, of 400 sovs, 2nd horse 60 sovs., and third 40 sovs; 1½m.

W. Clare's Drumreagh, by Lecholme—Roslyn, 8st 5lb (W. Jennings) 1
A. T. Creswick's Iliad, by Malvolio—Illium, 7st 10lb (E. Andrews) 1
C. Quinn's Eighteen Carat, 7st 6lb (R. Andrews) .. 3
A. Fullerton's Trajectory, 8st 5lb (Burn) 4

Other starters: Golden Gate, 8st 12lb (Ferguson); Garrison, 8st (Dunn); Active, 8st 10lb (Cameron); Zepho, 8st 6lb (H. Roles); Lady Hora, 8st 3lb (Foulsham); Roscommon, 8st 3lb (Lambert); Matouree, 8st 2lb (King); Hospodar, 8st 2lb (Hopwood); Mengha, 8st (Wells); Waterlad, 7st 10lb (Grigg); Outbreak, 7st 10lb (Parkhurst); Autumn, 7st 6lb (Farmer); Simmorina, 7st 5lb; Lawrence, 7st 5lb (F. Clark); Iniet, 7st 2lb (Anthony); Raheny, 7st (Rouse); Silex, 6st 7lb (Campbell).

The favourite, Trajectory, took command approaching the straight, and led to near the distance, where Iliad displaced him. The latter looked an absolute winner to within a few yards of home, when Drumreagh challenged him, and made a dead heat, with Eighteen Carat two lengths away, third. Time, 2m 35 4-5s. Dividends: Inside, Drumreagh £3 9s, Iliad £14 9s; outside, Drumreagh £7 13s, Iliad £24 4s. The owners of the winners divided the stakes.

Mowbray Hurdle Race, about 2¼m.—Hallet Bros.' Myrrholme, by Leeholme—Myrrha, 9st 10lb (Fych); Frederick's Scorcher, 10st 1lb (Hoystead), 2; A. Douglas's Madge, 9st 7lb (Cook), 3. Eight started. Won by two lengths, a length between second and third. Time, 4m 50s. Dividends: Inside £6 4s and 9s; outside, £5 18s and 10s.

January Handicap, 1m.—R. C. Field's Panamuna, by Lecholme—Morva, 8st 8lb (Dunn), 1; T. Waller's Coon, 7st (Hopwood), 2; G. Bennett's Burnie, 8st 1lb (Adams), 3. Thirteen started. Won by two lengths, three lengths between second and third. Time, 1m 42¼s. Dividends: Inside 25s and 28s; outside, 18s and 28s.

Shorts, 6f.—A. F. O'Connor's Wish, by Wallace—Evolution, 7st 7lb (C. Andrews), 1; J. Brooks's Mathiana, 9st 4lb (Ferguson), 2; Thirkel Bros.' Carman, 7st 12lb (Dunn), 3. Six started. Won by three lengths, four lengths between second and third. Time, 1m 14½s. Dividends: Inside 3s, outside 21s.

BATHURST TURF CLUB.

ROSE AILIE WINS THE BATHURST CUP.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

The Bathurst Turf Club's Anniversary meeting was held to-day, when the weather was all that could be desired, the attendance large, the fields were good, and the racing was excellent. Results:—

Kilrush Stakes of £30, 6f.—J. Buckland's b h Kanara, by Ayr Laddie (imp.)—Madras, 4yrs, 8st 8lb (Morgan), 1; R. Hoystead's br m Lady Hasty, 4yrs, 8st 2lb (Bateman), 2; Dr. Bellte's b m Itala, 5yrs, 7st 9lb (M'Mahon), 3. Other starters: Margo, Rose Ivy. Betting: Even money on Kanara, 5 to 2 v Lady Hasty, 6 to 1 each v Italia and Rose Ivy, 10 to 1 v Margo. Time, 1m 19 1-5s.

Trial Handicap of 25 sovs, 6f.—T. Girney's b m Pan Out, by Brakpan—Rinemoa, 4yrs, 9st 5lb (Bateman), 1; Links and Connolly's b m Merveilleus, 7st 12lb (Clancy), 2; J. Hutton's c h Monarch, 4yrs, 8st 7lb (O'Connor), 3. Other starters: Blue King, Margrave, Golden Eagle, Nysa, Senaji, Amberfinch, Chasmokope, Querius. Betting: 2 to 1 v Monarch, 3 to 1 v Pan Out, 10 to 1 v Merveilleux. Time, 1m 21 3-5s.

Bathurst Cup of 100 sovs, 1m 1f.—E. Ingersole's br m Rose Ailie, by Amerite—Carnation, 5yrs, 9st 4lb (Mutton), 1; W. Langley's b g Valkyrie, 7st 5lb (Edwards), 2; Nivers's ch m Marvel Lawn, 5yrs, 6st 12lb (Woods), 3. Other starters: Locomotion, Margalong, Gundaroo, Lady Clieve, Thesford, Queen Helen, The Tutor, Illiptrium. Betting: 3 to 1 v Rose Ailie, 4 to 1 v Lady Clieve, 5 to 1 v Locomotion, 6 to 1 v Margalong, 7 to 1 each v Gundaroo and Queen Helen. Time, 2m 1s.

Flying Handicap of 25 sovs, 6f.—O. Whittaker's b h Melloti, by Launceston—Danger, 5yrs, 8st (Keir), 1; A. Buckland's br g Highland Reel, 8st (Walker), 2; R. L. Gilmour's b g Konpat, 7st (Edwards), 3. Other starters: Porter, Schnapper, Bluemine, Kielder. Betting: 2 to 1 each v Porter and Schnapper, 4 to 1 v Kielder, 8 to 10 to 1 v others. Time, 1m 21s.

Turon Welter of 30 sovs, 7f.—J. A. Buckland's b g Rolled Oats, by Iolanthus—Oat Cake mare, 8st 11lb (Walker), *; W. J. Stewart's blk g Nimrod, by Miletos—Silver Maid, 5yrs, 9st 2lb (Bateman), *. Other starters Margo, Merit, Redway, Pendulum, Nicetus, Minister, Blue King, Kingman, Gooneo. Betting: Even money on Pendulum, 3 to 1 each v Nimrod and Nicetus, 4 to 1 v Redway, 5 to 1 each v Marvel Lawn and Rolled Oats, 8 to 1 v others. * Dead heat. Time, 1m 34s.

COCKBURN JOCKEY CLUB.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The Cockburn Jockey Club held its opening meeting to-day, when there was a big attendance, mainly from Broken Hill. The arrangements were very primitive. Results:—

Trial Handicap, of 10 sovs., 6f.—Raven's Moolarie, 8st 12lb (Mr. Raven), 1; Oake's Lord Parthia, 7st 10lb (Huppatz), 2; O'Brien's Friendly, 7st 12lb (Richards), 3. Five starters. Won by a length. Time, 1m 21 2-5s. Dividend for 5s, £1 6s 9d. This race was run twice, the first event, by mistake, only covering five furlongs. Then seven horses started, Speed On winning from Moolaree and Friendly. Speed On was favourite.

Cockburn Handicap, of 25 sovs., 1m.—Edward's Ebony, 8st 10lb (Huppatz), 1; Barney's Sunshade, 9st 7lb (Wilks), 2; Ling's Daroo, 8st 7lb (Marshall), 3. Five starters. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m 46 2-5s.

Jumpers' Flat Race, of 18 sovs., 9f.—Walden's Lival, 9st 5lb (Wilks), 1; Oake's Earl Chester, 9st (R. Moyle), 2. One other starter, who pulled up. Won by two lengths. Time, 2m 6 2-5s.

Flying Handicap of 20 sovs, 6f.—Walden's Apollo, 7st 10lb (Marshall), 1; Edwards's Ebony, 9st 5lb (Huppatz), 2; Hoare's Lord Maelgwyn, 7st 7lb (Lake), 3. Six starters. Won by four lengths. Time, 1m 19 2-5s.

District Handicap, 7½ sovs, 7f.—Hierick's Janet, 9st 9lb (Kain), 1; Ashfield's Myrtle, 7st 7lb (Kieswetter), 2; Baker's Norman, 6st 3lb (Wilks), 3. Four starters. Won by a length. Time, 1m 43 4-5s.

Licensed Victuallers' Handicap of 15 sovs, 7f.—Barney's Sunshade, 10st 9lb (Wilks), 1; Pooles' Kali, 9st 6lb (S. Moyle), 2; O'Brien's Rainbow, 9st 6lb (E. Raven), 3. Six starters. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m 35s.

GLEN INNES JOCKEY CLUB.

BOOMBAH WINS ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP.

GLEN INNES, Wednesday.

The annual races opened to-day, in the presence of a large attendance. Results:—

Opening Handicap, 6f.—E. Hornery's ch g Murlowan, by Mozart—Clarabelle, 8st 6lb (Casey), 1; J. F. White's br g Coonanburra, 8st 3lb, 2; W. Kendall's br m Citrona, 8st 12lb, 3. Boobah and Nolan also ran. Time, 1m 19¼s.

First Scurry, 6f.—Dr. Wrigley's br g Lindsman (late Clayton), 8st 13lb, 1; T. Murray's br g Heydon, 8st 3lb, 2; H. R. Munro's blk c (late Chaos), 8st 7lb, 3. Infant, Oplon, Uncle Bill, Zena, Madeira, Nemuca, and Mileta also started. Time, 1m 21½s.

First Corinthian, 7f.—A. F. C. Rogerson's ch g Gartonbrook, 11st 13lb (R. A. O'Connor), 1; A. M. Cadell's br g Stockholm, 10st 2lb, 2; J. Bishop's ch m Vanity, 11st 2lb, 3. Bandolier also ran. Time, 1m 36¼s.

Anniversary Handicap, 1m.—A. F. Ross' br g Boombah, by Invader—Miss Manton, 6st 7lb (Maher), 1; H. R. Munro's b g Utah, 8st 4lb (Page), 2; T. Callinan's ch g Fugleman, 9st 1lb (H. Callinan), 3. My Comrade and Noria also started. Won by a head. Time, 1m 46s.

Flying Handicap.—J. Murray's br g Heydon, 8st 1lb (Carpine), 1; J. F. White's br g Coonanburra, 8st 3lb, 2; G. H. Parker's blk m Inquisitive, 9st 2lb, 3. Watchman, Jolly Prince, and Merman also started. Time, 1m 19½s.

Cranbrook Welter.—J. Hourigan's b g Credit, 8st (Hall), 1; P. Donoghue's br g Sildrake (late Camira), 2. Boobah and Nooketsum were left at the post, and did not gallop. Time, 1m 35s.

NARRANDERA HOSPITAL MEETING.

GAULINE WINS A DOUBLE.

NARRANDERA, Wednesday.

The United Friendly Societies' hospital benefit races took place to-day. There was a fair attendance. The results were as follows:—

Opening Handicap, 6f.—J. Duggan's Gauline, by Gaulius—Acrofine, 8st 5lb (Hyland), 1; A. Baldwin's Lyndhurst, 7st 11lb (Munroe), 2. Only starters. Betting: 5 to 1 on the winner. Won easily by five lengths. Time, 1m 23 1-5s.

Trial Handicap, 6f.—J. Duggan's Gabion, by Gambol—Fortress, 8st 9lb (Hyland), 1; M'Farland Bros.' Ayesha, 8st 10lb (O'Shannessy), 2; W. M'Kenzie's Island King, 8st 9lb (Murray), 3. Other starters: Ned, 8st 8lb (M'Nickel); Oakleigh, 7st 7lb (Munroe); Lady May, 7st (Leech); Stockwell, 6st 7lb (Chalmers). Betting: 7 to 4 on Gabion, 2 to 1 v Ayesha, 3 to 1 v Island King, 10 to 1 v others. Won easily by four lengths. Time, 1m 17 3-5s.

Hospital Handicap of £20, 9f and 45yds.—J. Duggan's Redbow, by Carrilion—Peep, 6st 9lb (Hyland), 1; F. Sepping's Merewether, 6st 7lb (Leech), 2; A. Baldwin's Sunfly, 6st 12lb (Mushoe), 3. Only starters. Betting: 5 to 1 on the winner, 3 to 1 v the others. Redbow led all the way and won easily by six lengths. Time, 2m 5 3-5s.

Welter Handicap of £7, 7f.—J. Duggan's Gabion, 9st 5lb (Hyland), 1; S. King's Mutiness, 9st 12lb (Murray), 2; G. Owen's Barengon, 8st 12lb (Dunn), 3. Only starters. Betting: 5 to 1 on the winner. Won easily by 10 lengths. Time, 1m 33s.

Citizens' Gift of £15, 6f.—J. Duggan's Gauline, 8st 1lb (Hyland), 1; E. Vennerborn's Ned, 7st 8lb (Chalmers), 2. Only starters. No betting. Won easily. Time, 1m 18 2-5s.

Forced Handicap, 7f.—F. Sepping's Merewether, 7st 7lb (Leech), 1; A. Baldwin's Oakleigh, 8st 7lb (Munroe), 2; W. M'Kenzie's Island King, 8st 9lb (Murray), 3. Only starters. Betting: 3 to 1 on the winner, 3 to 1 v others. Won easily. Time, 1m 35 2-5s.

MILTON RACES.

MILTON, Wednesday.

A race meeting was held here to-day, when there were large fields and good sport.

Results:—
Trial Stakes.—Cork's Cobby, 1; Sellick's Maiden, 2; Boyle's Whirlwind, 3.
Handicap Hack Race.—McMahon's Sunflower, 1.
Anniversary Handicap.—Cork's Cobby, 1; Sellick's Maiden, 2; McHard's Exchange, 3.
Hack Handicap.—Silver Light, 1; Canary, 2; Disappointment, 3.
Handicap Trot.—Mahomet, 1; Young Roy, 2.
Forced Handicap.—Whirlwind, 1; Maiden, 2; Visitor, 3.

REEFTON JOCKEY CLUB.

BARMEDMAN, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the Reefton Jockey Club was held to-day under splendid weather conditions. There were a record attendance and good racing.

Results:—
Trial Stakes.—Stewart's Unity, 1.
District Hack Race.—Redfern, 1; Sailor, 2.
Reefton Handicap.—Ballast, 1; Cornfield, 2; Big Ben, 3.
Handicap Trot.—Trimmer, 1.
Flying Handicap.—Income, 1; Big Ben, 2.
Handicap Hack Race.—Lady Ballastite, 1; Red Wing, 2.

COFF'S HARBOUR JOCKEY CLUB.

COFF'S HARBOUR, Wednesday.

The local races to-day were attended by about 300 persons. The weather was fine, but the course was soft, owing to the recent rain. A number of Clarence River sportsmen were present. Results:—

Opening Handicap.—Neptumus, 8st 6lb, 1; Pattelon, 8st 4lb, 2; Yule Cake, 7st 7lb, 3. Holera, Influence, and The Pier also started. Won by a head. The winner started at even money.

Members' Race.—Velox, 10st 6lb, 1; Atlas, 8st 4lb, 2; Ocean Wave, 10st, 3. Won easily. The winner started at 5 to 4 on.

Anniversary Handicap.—Battalion, 8st 2lb, 1; Yule Cake, 7st 5lb, 2. Neptumus, who started at 2 to 1 on, fell in the straight when leading.

Trotting Handicap.—Warwick, 1; Ludo, 2; Bonnie Bly, 3. Negress, Ospley, Doctor, and Blossom also started.

Orara Handicap.—Influence, 1; Holera, 2. Won by half a length.

Hurry Scurry.—Wild Rose, 1; Garibaldi, 2.

NEW ZEALAND RACING.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Wednesday.

The Summer Handicap (500 sovs), resulted:—Lowry's Bobrikoff, 10st 1lb, 1; Lowe's Effort, 7st 10lb, 2; Ameer Merrivonia, 7st 12lb, 3. Eight started. Won easily in 1m 39 1-8s; this is a New Zealand record. Bobrikoff and Downfall leave for Sydney on Friday.

FOOTBALL.

RUGBY CONFERENCE.

A conference of representatives of N.S.W., Queensland, and New Zealand is now taking place in Sydney. The delegates are:—

New Zealand: Messrs. G. H. Dixon, G. H. Mason, and G. C. Fache.
Queensland: Messrs. D. S. Carter and W. J. Bennett.
New South Wales: Messrs. J. F. Macmanamey, R. A. Arnold, and J. J. Davoren or F. L. Row.

The matters for consideration are:—The laws of the game, agreement as to interchange of visits between Australia and New Zealand, and matters incidental thereto; appointment of referees; conduct of inquiry re players ordered off the field; interchange of rulings on the laws of the game, etc.

GOLF.

The following competitions were played yesterday:—

DRUMMOYNE G.C.

STROKE COMPETITION—CHOICE NINE HOLES.

Rev. C. Curtis	44—9=35	A. Howie	55—15=40
S. Mayne	44—6=38	W. Epps	48—6=42
A. Epps	50—10=40	W. T. Smith	53—9=44
F. Wilkinson	51—11=40		

BOGEY COMPETITION.

F. Wilkinson (15), 2 up	W. T. Smith (13), 2 dn
H. S. M'Lelland (4), sq.	W. Epps (8), 3 dn
C. Thompson (18), 1 dn	A. E. Carfrae (15), 4 dn.

MANLY G.C.

OPEN STROKE COMPETITION.

G. P. Heney	85—9=76	G. M. Lloyd	105—24=81
A. P. N. Dalrymple	96—20=76	F. F. S. Spence	89—7=82
G. S. Freeman	85—8=77	A. L. Potter	92—8=84
C. R. Crossman	95—18=77	H. S. Holt ..	93—9=84
F. S. Smith ..	89—11=78	F. H. B. Wilton	96—12=84
D. G. Ferrier	97—18=79	S. J. Douglas	96—12=84
W. A. Windeyer	84—4=80	A. W. H. Padfield	89—4=85
Dr. R. J. Pope	84—4=80	J. S. Thom ..	96—11=85
A. Moore ..	102—22=80	P. Curston ..	94—9=85
		A. Davison ..	103—18=85

OPEN BOGEY HANDICAP.

A. W. H. Padfield (3), sq	A. P. M. Dalrymple (13), 3 dn.
F. W. A. Eagar (8), sq.	Dr. R. J. Pope (3), 4 dn.
G. P. Heney (7), 2 dn.	R. Pritchett (6), 4 dn.
A. E. Beegling (10), 2 dn	H. N. Pope (5), 5 dn.
W. A. Windeyer (3), 3 dn	J. Stuart Thom (7), 5 dn.
S. Holt (6), 3 dn.	A. H. Garraway (8), 5 dn
E. A. Roberts (7), 3 dn.	
G. H. Bosch (1½), 3 dn.	

KILLARA G.C.

36-holes Stroke Competition.

W. H. Grieve	199—58=141
L. Howard	199—58=141
C. G. Hodgson	185—32=153
W. Andrew	172—18=154
C. W. Cox	194—40=154
C. F. Norman	195—38=157
L. Upward	182—24=158
N. V. Poskley	169—10=159
L. Clarke	219—58=161
V. G. Fisher	219—58=161
R. G. Hyde	186—24=162
F. Amphlett	181—18=163
C. E. Graham	180—16=164
W. P. Mascnwitz	174—8=166
J. A. Thompson	187—20=167
T. Michell	200—32=168

The trophy for best gross score was won by Mr. N. V. Pockley, 169; for best morning round trophy, C. G. Hodgson, 89—16=73, C. E. Norman, 92—19=73, and W. H. Grieve, 102—29=73, tied. The best afternoon round trophy was won by L. Howard, 96—29=67. There were over 50 entries, and the course was in perfect order.

HUNTER'S HILL G.C.

Bogey Competition.

J. A. May (18), 2 up.	C. H. Pearson (2), 3 down
W. P. Dixon (11), square	R. C. Lethbridge (4), 4 down.
H. H. Lysaght (scr), 4 down.	

Stroke Competition.

V. le Gay Brereton ..	91—16=75	J. A. May ..	104—23=81
G. Watkins..	88—12=76	C. H. Pearson	84—3=81
W. P. Dixon	92—14=78	H. D. Walsh	99—16=83

CONCORD G.C.

Bogey Competition (best card all day).

J. M. Arnott (7), sq.	R. G. Priddle (10), 4 dn.
W. A. Battie (12), 1 dn.	C. A. Fraser (5), 5 dn.

The continuous stroke competition from January 8 to 22 was won by S. A. Thompson, 85—12=73.

BONNIE DOON G.C.

36 Holes Stroke Competition for Mr. Hill's Trophy.

L. W. Mobb	172—20=152	S. Smith ..	182—20=162
P. R. Russell	169—10=159	J. Kell	173—10=163
J. E. M'Carthy	183—24=159	T. J. Aldoom	188—24=164
R. Kell	201—42=159	N. S. Collie	189—24=165
W. S. Williamson ..	198—36=162	S. S. Dingle	191—24=167
		L. E. Gannon	195—26=169
		J. W. Dunlop	226—54=172

BOWLS.

"B" COMPETITION.

ST. GEORGE v ASHFIELD.

The association fixture set down for Saturday, and deferred in consequence of the rain, was played off at Rockdale yesterday, and resulted in a win for the home team by 5 points. Scores:—

	S. G.	A.
Gowen, Laue, Garden, Christian	27	—
Parrington, Peyton, Davies, Pope	—	20
Maston, Louden, Mann, Kenwood	19	—
Lennartz, Wright, McDowel, McDonald	—	18
Fortescue, Heselhurst, Abel, Marsden	24	—
Hodgson, Robson, Titcombe, Lake	—	27
Totals	70	65

ST. GEORGE CLUB.

The final of the Munro Pairs competition was played off at the Rockdale green yesterday, and resulted in a win for Nolan and McMillan (9), who beat Abel and Marsden (6) by 31 to 30. The winners required three in the last head, and successfully negotiated it.

In the semi-final of the club championship T. Anderson beat Dr. McLeod by 31 to 30.

NIGHT BOWLING RINK CHAMPIONSHIP.

The tournament promoted by the St. George Club in connection with the night bowls rink championship is producing keen competition. The results to date are as follows:—Davall, Lawrence, Ross, Fitzgerald (Waverley), beat Broome, Gorman, McKeown, Pennell (St. George), by 16 to 5; Palmer, Travers, Bingham, Lee (Warringah), beat Sengelman, Rainey, Morrison, Parker (Petersham), by 22 to 9; Amery, Broome, Butchart, Taylor (St. George), beat Packer, Gosbell, Hickey, Renwick (Victoria Park), by 13 to 8; Donnelly, Laverack, Box, Fryer (Marrickville), beat Kennan, Marshall, Stinson, Denyer (Warringah), by 18 to 17; Barties, Jacobs, Morrison, Wahlberg (Waverley), beat Gowen, Goode, Munro, Hyndman (St. George), by 14 to 12; Mann, Kenwood, Kinsela, Dalrymple (St. George), beat Rowby, Dobbie, Sutton, McPherson, by 10 to 6; Pitman, Butchart, Hanks, Anderson (St. George), beat Barnes, Dyson, Jessop, Hope (Waverley), by 15 to 9; G. Abel, Heselhurst, C. Abel, Marsden (St. George), beat Tipper, Patsson, Parsons, Johnson (Waverley), by 15 to 7; Dean, Anderson, Parry, Robertson (Ryde), won on forfeit from Mosman.

PETERSHAM CLUB.

This club celebrated Anniversary Day with a rink competition on the progressive principle, 12 ends each round. The president (Mr. H. Pratt) provided four prizes for the winning rink, while the runners-up received trophies from the entrance fees. Ladies attended in considerable numbers during the afternoon, and the club premises were decorated. The contestants lunched in the pavilion. Results:—

First Round.

C. Brown, Moxham, J. O'Neil, Cropper	15	—
Gale, Cook, Morrison, Rowley	—	8
Welch, Tyler (sen.), Gartrell, Cooper	21	—
Prisman, Jentsch, Evans, Holland	—	6
Sengleman, Bond (sen.), Turner, Morgan	11	—
Salter, Hudson, Holmes, G. Smith	—	5
M'Alpin, Alexander, Hill, Davis	16	—
Wood, Matthews, Parker, Bown	—	10
Morris, Gibb, Hilliard, Strong	11	—
Mortley, Todd, Scrutton, Yeo	—	6
Jensen, Tyler (jun.), Walker, Wigram	11	—
Bond (jun.), Booth, Pratt, Segal	—	10

Second Round.

Holland beat Segal, 11 to 7; C. Smith beat Rowley, 10 to 6; Bown beat Cooper, 13 to 7; Strong beat Morgan, 11 to 9; Davis beat Wigram, 12 to 11; Yeo beat Cropper, 10 to 5.

Third Round.

Wigram beat Yeo, 13 to 11; Cropper beat Segal, 13 to 8; Rowley beat Holland 11 to 10; Cooper beat C. Smith, 13 to 6; Bown beat Morgan, 15 to 9; Strong beat Davis, 13 to 9.

Fourth Round.

C. Smith beat Davis, 18 to 8; Bown beat Wigram, 18 to 6; Strong beat Cropper, 10 to 9; Yeo beat Rowley, 12 to 10; Segal beat Cooper, 20 to 7; Holland beat Morgan, 13 to 8.

Strong's rink won, with Bown's rink second.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

WICKHAM v CHATSWOOD.

Played at Wickham.

	W.	C.
Cox, Croft, Adamson, Bennett	29	—
Green, Rhodes, Blackadder, F. Gartrell	—	10
Pennell, J. Edgar, R. Bond, Richmond	33	—
Maddocks, Russell, Wilkie, W. Gartrell	—	15
H. Bryant, Wilkins, Beaver, Moons	27	—
H. Foskett, Coates, Woolnough, W. Foskett	—	18
Galloway, Cherry, Davis, Whitehead	25	—
Robey, Lyons, Ellis, Young	—	19
Totals	118	70

LOWLANDS v CHATSWOOD.

Played at Wickham.

	L.	C.
Patrick, Gow, Mulvey, Clayton	31	—
Maddocks, Russell, W. Gartrell, Wilkie	—	20
Downie, Kilgour, Colgan, Penrose	18	—
H. Foskett, Rhodes, Woolnough, Blackadder	—	25
Moodie, Bell, Field, Mottram	22	—
Robey, Lyons, W. Foskett, Young	—	24
Giles, Christie, Gilbert, Frost	24	—
G. V. Green, Coates, Ellis, F. Gartrell	—	24
Totals	95	93

NORTH SYDNEY v NEWCASTLE CITY.

Played at Newcastle.

	N.	N.S.
T. Burn, Timbury, Howard, H. Hingst	35	—
Hockey, M'Vernon, Wood, Thompson	—	18
Little, Beavis, Thomas, Pattey	22	—
Braine, Higgins, Moorehouse, Skinner	—	15
Greaves, Mauson, Bruce, Gardner	31	—
Stenmore, Redmond, Laury, Glacken	—	24
W. Miller, Packer, Mitchell, Gilbert	26	—
Hinds, Buchanan, Beresford, Newton	—	20
O'Brien, Lasker, D. Miller, Tillett	27	—
Billett, Sleman, Forsyth, Arthur	—	14
Wakefield, Bardon, L. Hingst, James	25	—
Relton, Moore, Thompson, Walter	—	22
Totals	166	113

DUBBO, Wednesday.

Western Shield Competition.—Bathurst beat Dubbo in a three-rink match by 15 points to-day.

LAWN TENNIS.

APPIAN WAY CLUB'S OPEN TOURNAMENT.

The Appian Way Club was at last favoured with fine weather yesterday. There was sunshine all day—rather too much of it, in fact, for the heat was quite oppressive, especially in the morning. E. Hicks and E. Anderson found it so when they replayed their undecided match in the singles championship at 9.30. They battled through three hard sets, the last running to 14 games, and both were glad when it was over, E. Anderson proving the winner on this occasion. The two Strathfield men, Howell and Rudder, also had a gruelling match about the same time of the day. Rudder won a long first set, and Howell the second rather easily, Rudder looking rather weary. He made a good recovery, and took the third set to three games. Rudder has acquired the American service admirably, and gets a good deal of break on it. He now only requires greater accuracy with his volleys to become a very formidable opponent. A. W. Jones led Rice 3-0 in the first set by forcing tactics, Rice being off his ground strokes. The first set was interesting, but Rice was too good in the second, though Jones made many very pretty volleys and half-volleys. M. Mackenzie was not in his best form against A. B. Jones, though he made a strong bid for the second set. He tried short drop too frequently, as they seldom met with success, Jones being on the watch for them.

In the doubles championship Campbell and Rice had no difficulty with M. Mackenzie and A. W. Jones, whose team work was faulty, and, moreover, Jones was rather distressed after his singles with Rice. A better match in the same event was that in which Wright and Sharp beat E. Jones and Bowker. Wright and Sharp led at 3-0 and at 5-2 in the first set, but Bowker and Jones then got going, and piled up the games till they secured a lead. They could not, however, annex the set, and Sharp and Wright, winning it at 8-6, took the second more easily. Wright played a fine, strong game all through. Sharp, who was short of practice, was not in his best form, but Bowker played excellently, and so did E. Jones after the first few games.

In the mixed doubles championship Parker and Miss Baker were too good for E. Hicks and Miss Jones. Parker scored repeatedly with short drop shots, made with much back cut. E. Hicks was kept busy and warm in endeavouring to reach these. Miss Baker played a fine game, volleying particularly well. Sayers and Miss F. Gordon defeated R. O. Anderson and Mrs. Doyle in this event in a fine match. R. O. Anderson made some sensational winning drives from smashes by Sayers. The first set was won at 6-5, short sets being played in this event, but they should not be permitted by the association in championship events.

The committee worked very hard to carry out the heavy programme, and spared no efforts to make everything go off successfully.

The tournament will be continued next Saturday.

The following are the scores:—

Western Suburbs Singles Championship.

First Round.

E. Anderson beat E. Hicks, 6-2, 1-6, 8-6.

Second Round.

H. Rice beat A. W. Jones, 9-7, 6-2.
V. V. Rudder beat L. Howell, 8-6, 3-6, 6-3.
E. Pockley beat G. Booth, 6-2, 6-2.
A. B. Jones beat M. Mackenzie, 6-1, 7-5.
E. Way beat W. P. Dunlop, 2-6, 6-1, 8-6.
G. W. Wright beat L. Rossell, 6-1, 6-1.

Western Suburbs Doubles Championship.

First Round.

A. Campbell and H. Rice beat A. W. Jones and M. Mackenzie, 6-1, 6-1.
G. W. Wright and G. G. Sharp beat E. Jones and C. V. Bowker, 10-8, 6-3.

Second Round.

E. P. Barbour and N. Gregg beat W. P. Dunlop and T. H. Hicks, 7-5, 6-2.
E. Anderson and E. Pockley beat G. Lord and N. Peach, 6-1, 6-3.

Western Suburbs Mixed Doubles Championship.

First Round.

G. P. Sayers and Miss F. Gordon beat R. O. Anderson and Mrs. Doyle, 6-5, 6-4.
H. A. Parker and Miss K. Baker beat E. Hicks and Miss Jones, 6-3, 6-3.

SINGLES HANDICAP, No. 1.

First Round.

H. R. Palmer beat Stratford, 6-2, 6-5.
H. W. Ford beat Cameron, 6-1, 6-4.
T. B. Johnson beat G. H. Booth, 6-3, 6-5.
N. Peach beat A. H. Gorman, 6-3, 5-6, 6-3.
W. J. Lamble beat N. Gregg, 6-4, 6-4.
Hadley beat Leeds, 6-5, 6-5.
Howell v Pepper, 6-4, unfinished.

SINGLES HANDICAP, No. 2.

First Round.

J. O. Anderson, jun., beat Cardew, 6-0, 6-0.
W. E. Goodman beat D. Cohen, 6-1, 6-0.
E. S. Whiteman beat W. J. Johnston, 6-1, 6-0.
O. A. Mann beat E. W. Fowler, 6-3, 6-2.
H. O. Macintosh beat A. Wyllie, 5-6, 6-5, 6-2.

Second Round.

P. Portus beat C. H. Crago, 6-5, 6-0.
A. C. Russell beat V. T. Jeune, 6-1, 6-3.
R. J. Goodman beat F. A. Crago, 6-5, 6-1.
N. Green beat J. O. Anderson, jun., 6-1, 5-6, 6-2.
Norman beat Boston, 6-1, 6-2.
Hill beat Robertson by forfeit.
Abraham beat Ireton, 6-0, 6-5.

Doubles Handicap.

First Round.

W. J. Lamble and H. E. Lamble beat C. Crago and P. Boston, 6-1, 4-6, 6-1.
F. Miller and Denison beat C. O. Anderson and Carr by forfeit.
H. Booth and H. Johns beat Harrison and Louche, 6-4, 6-2.
A. Gorman and Stratford beat Ferguson and P. Sharp, 6-4, 6-3.
D. Anderson and J. O. Anderson, jun., beat Green and Wilkinson, 6-5, 6-3.
H. A. Parker and G. H. Booth beat D. Felton and A. Johnston, 6-3, 5-6, 7-5.

Mixed Doubles Handicap.

First Round.

Sayers and Miss D. Gordon beat Love and Miss Woolcott, 6-5, 6-3.
F. Waller and Mrs. Waller beat Hunt and Miss D. Hunt, 6-1, 6-4.
Macintosh and Miss Fowler beat Howell and Miss Bolton, 6-1, 6-4.
F. Fowler and Miss E. Fowler beat O. Brodziak and Miss King, 6-5, 6-5.
A. B. Jones and Miss F. Gordon beat Bostock and Miss Ipkendanz, 6-2, 5-3.
Hadley and Miss Day beat N. Gregg and Miss J. Macdonald, 6-3, 6-5.
A. Way and Mrs. E. Way beat E. Hicks and Miss Jones, 6-2, 6-1.
C. D. Abraham and Miss Roche beat Caro and Mrs. Vaughan, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Second Round.

A. B. Jones and Miss F. Gordon beat Fowler and Miss E. Fowler, 3-6, 6-3, 6-0.
L. Houston and Miss Jones v P. Sharp and Miss Dence, not played.

CRICKET.

CENTRAL CUMBERLAND v NEPEAN DISTRICT.

Played on the Parramatta Oval, Central Cumberland winning by 40 runs. Scores:—

Nepean District.

T. Garrett, b H. Cranney	38
J. Garrett, b H. Cranney	41
O'Neil, c Conolly, b T. Cranney	17
Allman, c and b H. Cranney	63
McGrath, lbw, b T. Cranney	23
Walker, lbw, b Conolly	9
A. Payne, b H. Cranney	1
Griffiths, not out	23
King, b Conolly	0
W. Payne, b Conolly	0
Colless, b Conolly	1
Sundries	17
Total	243

Bowling.—Conolly, four wickets for 64; H. Cranney, four for 48; T. Cranney, two for 48.

Central Cumberland.

Thomas, b Allman	43
Smith, c McGrath, b O'Neil	44
Mann, c A. Payne, b O'Neil	2
H. Cranney, st W. Payne, b J. Garrett	113
A. Cranney, st W. Payne, b Allman	33
Webster, b O'Neil	4
T. Cranney, c A. Payne, b O'Neil	9
Ritchie, b Allman	8
McCartney, not out	3
Barry, st W. Payne, b O'Neil	12
Conolly, c King, b O'Neil	0
Sundries	17
Total	283

Bowling.—Allman, four wickets for 95; O'Neil, five for 80; J. Garrett, one for 36.

MARTIN SHIELD COMPETITION.

Northern Suburbs v Centennial Park Association.

The final of the above competition was played at the Sports Ground yesterday, and was won by Centennial Park by 62 runs. Scores:—

Northern Suburbs.—First Innings.

J. Brainwood, c Comber, b Jones	10
L. Hansen, b Shea	18
J. Truman, c Comber, b Eaton	35
G. Fraser, b Webb	18
Lea. Lee, c Bartrop, b A. Golby	13
R. Carroll, b Shea	17
W. Burke, b Comber	1
W. Paul, lbw, Shea	4
O. Sherrit, not out	3
G. Dettmann, b Shea	2
R. Riley, lbw, Shea	0
Sundries	7
Total	128

Bowling: Shea, five for 43; Jones, one for 24; Eaton, one for 17; Comber, one for 11; Webb, one for 16; Golby, one for 7; M'Dougall, none for 2.

Centennial Park.—First Innings.

W. Dobson, b Fraser	73
H. Jones, b Dettmann	3
C. M'Dougall, b Burke	2
W. Webb, b Dettmann	2
A. Golby, c and b Carroll	33
R. Eaton, c Lea. Lee, b Carroll	19
F. Morecombe, b Fraser	0
H. Bartrop, b Carroll	21
B. Golby, lbw, Carroll	4
H. Comber, not out	8
S. Shea, c Fraser, b Hansen	7
Sundries	18
Total	190

Combined Petersham District team, 118 and 90; West Kingston Methodist, 110 and 77. For Petersham, McEvoy 33, and Law took six for 24. For Kingston, Henderson made 27, Viney 26. Jones took six for 42 and Alder three for 13.

DUBBO, Wednesday.

Orange beat Dubbo on the first innings by 19 runs.

PICTON, Wednesday.

At cricket to-day Picton defeated Railway Audit Office by 26 runs.

WEST MAITLAND, Wednesday.

A match was played on the Albion Ground to-day between teams representing Newcastle and Hunter River district. Newcastle, first innings, made 134 (A. Bourke 40, C. Perkins 28, E. Patfield 20). Hunter District, 162 (R. Moore 33, W. Bernard 29, R. Lindsay 20, A. North 20). Newcastle District, second innings, 135 (Paterfield 37, McNamara 45, Donald 22).

ROWING.

PERTH (W.A.), Wednesday.

The following have been chosen to represent Western Australia at the annual interstate eight-oar race in Tasmania on April 30:—G. Rogers (stroke), R. Joyce, R. Brown, W. Crawford, W. During, J. Savage, Lovegrove, A. White (bow), Macartney (emergency).

SWIMMING.

RANDWICK AND COOGEE CLUB.

The Randwick and Coogee Club held a 50yds' Members' Handicap at the Coogee Aquarium Baths, the results being:—

First Division.—First heat: T. Sankey, 10s, 1; H. Rawlinson, 11s, 2; A. Hollingsworth, 9s, 3. Time, 42s. Second heat: A. M'Farlane, 15s, 1; T. Harrison, 16s, 2; F. Thompson, 10s, 3. Time, 40 1-5s. Third heat: H. Batty, 11s, 1; A. Sinclair, 7s, 2; L. Walsh, 8s, 3. Time, 35 4-5s. Fourth heat: M'Namee, 13s, 1; H. Burton, 12s, 2; R. Marks, 16s, 3. Time, 36 4-5s. Fifth heat: W. Reynolds, 5s, 1; C. M'Iver, 9s, 2; W. Wylie, 5s, 3. Time, 30 2-5s. The final will be decided on February 2.

Second Division.—First heat: R. Jackson, 13s, 1; T. Walker, 9s, 2; R. Townend, 8s, 3. Time, 40s. Second heat: E. Stark, 17s, 1; J. Meaney, 13s, 2; T. Alldrit, 6s, 3. Time, 38s. Third heat: C. Elderton, 12s 1; R. Barrie, 12s, 2; F. Randle, 13s, 3. Time, 37s. Fourth heat: R. Allsop, 10s, 1; G. Leith, 8s, 2; W. Hisney, 13s, 2. Firth heat: G. Thomas, 9s, 1; A. Gowing, 10s, 2; R. R. Brown, 11s, 3. Time, 37s. Final: E. Stark, 15s, 1.

SOUTH SYDNEY CLUB.

Members of the above club decided a 75yds race at the Domain Baths last night. Results:—First heat: J. Bagley, 10s. Time, 57 2-5s. Second heat: S. Parry, 5s. Time, 53 1-5s. Third heat: E. Walsh, 9s. Time, 53 4-5s. Fourth heat: J. Mortimer, 13s. Time, 60 1-5s. Final: J. Bagley, 1; W. Walsh, 2; S. Parry, 3. Won by a yard. Time, 55 1-5s.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Great interest is being taken in the Australian swimming championships, which commence at St. Kilda on Saturday. All the visiting swimmers have arrived in Melbourne, with the exception of F. W. Springfield, the Queensland champion. A large crowd watched the training at St. Kilda to-day.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

METROPOLITAN MEETING.

CONCLUDING DAY.

Yesterday saw the conclusion of the third annual meeting of the Metropolitan District Rifle Association. There was a heavy day's work, and operations were commenced at 8.45 a.m. As the time was short, the C, A, and D series, and teams' matches were fired off simultaneously. There was nothing to complain of so far as weather conditions were concerned, light and wind being even and good, with the exception possibly of a stage in the early morning. Notwithstanding this, however, no possibles were scored, one off being the limit in several instances.

The A series started with the Parramatta, 600 yards, 10 shots, 11 minutes' time limit. In this H. Jones (North Sydney) won with 49, O. J. Stanton (Tramways) and A. J. M'Leod (Randwick) each scored 48, but the former, who finished with eight bulls counted the latter out for second place. Five 45's were counted out for the 28 prizes. The Members followed. This was 10 shots at 700 yards, 12 minutes' limit. T. W. Baldwin (S. Sydney), with 47 and a finish of five bulls counted out P. Ettinghausen (Parramatta) with an equal total, for first place. C. Holroyde (Yorkshire) filled third place with 47. The A series concluded with the President's, 10 shots at 900 yards (14 minutes' time limit). W. Draper, the winner, put up the creditable score of 49. He was followed by W. H. Porritt (Parramatta), and W. A. Clarke (A.R.R.), each with 48. The Aggregate for the series resulted in a tie between W. A. Clarke (A.R.R.) and W. H. Porritt (Parramatta), with scores of 137. This necessitated a shoot-off. Clarke marked an outer for his sighter, and finished 5, 5, 5, and won. Porritt scored a bull for his sighter, and ended with 4, 5, 5.

The Tyro, as is often the case, furnished some warm shooting. A 49 by W. Rhodes (Hornsby) filled top place, C. Bull (Granville) losing to him by a point. Bull, however, turned the tables in the Tyro Aggregate, with 97 to his credit, Rhodes scoring 95, and filling second position. Eighty-fives were counted out in this aggregate.

All arrangements were excellently carried out, including the details, under the supervision of the secretary (Mr. W. Pidgeon), W. O. Cooper, Captain J. J. Wallace, and others. The expedition of the statistical department, under Messrs. W. Cooper and R. Shankland, was a pleasant and noticeable feature.

The details were:—

A SERIES.

The PARRAMATTA.—10 shots at 600yds:

£4.—H. Jones (North Sydney) 49
£3.—O. J. Stanton (Tramway) 48
£2.—A. J. M'Leod (Randwick) 48
£2.—T. W. Baldwin (S. Sydney) 47

The following won £1 each:—W. A. Clark (Australian Rifles), 48; S. Rhodes (Hornsby), 47; F. C. Young (Granville), 47; P. Ettinghausen (Parramatta), 47; H. A. S. Halliday (Parramatta), 47; J. V. Strong (Manly), 47; H. Magee (Lands), 47; W. H. Page (Aust. Rifles), 47; T. H. Sharp (Camden), 46; T. J. Farrow (2nd Regt.), 46; W. J. Green (Parramatta), 46; G. Fisher (Sydney), 46; J. Gibson (Sydney), 46; T. Dunne (Army Service), 46; D. Hattersly (Parramatta), 46; Corp. R. J. Haron (1st Regt.), 46; J. Bilton (A.R.R.), 46; J. Black (Lands), 46; C. Fowler (Tramway), 46; A. R. Harding (Parramatta), 45; T. W. Renwick (East. Subs.), 45; C. Schultz (North Sydney), 45.

Five 45's were counted out.

THE MEMBERS.—10 Shots at 700yds.

£4.—T. W. Baldwin (South Sydney) 47
£3.—P. Ettinghausen (Parramatta) 47
£2.—C. Holroyde (Yorkshire Club) 47
£2.—R. Acland (West. Sub.) 47

The following won £1 each:—W. H. Porritt (Parramatta), 46; P. Lawless (Sydney), 45; Sergt. D. M'Calley (A.A.M.C.), 46; T. H. Sharp (Camden), 45; A. Woods (Sydney), 45; G. Fisher (Sydney), 44; R. E. Adrian (Irish Rifles), 44; G. L. Ardill (Parramatta), 44; S. Battishall (Randwick), 44; A. Leslie (North Sydney), 43; W. Webster (Randwick), 43; J. Stanton (A.R.R.), 43; H. T. Garnsey (Sydney), 43; Col.-Sergt. J. Thomas (1st A.I.R.), 43; C. Fowler (Tramway), 43; W. Gribble (Tramway), 43; Sergt. M. Donnellan (2nd A.I.R.), 43; W. A. Pidgeon (Randwick), 43; G. H. S. Halliday (Parramatta), 42; T. M. Kellett (A.M.R. Club), 42; T. Dunne (Army Service Corps), 42; Corp. Lungren (A.R.R.), 42.

Six 42's were counted out.

THE PRESIDENT'S.—10 shots at 900 yards.

£4.—Pte. W. Draper (1st A.I.R.) 49
£3.—W. H. Porritt (Parramatta) 48
£2.—W. A. Clark (Aust. Rifles) 48
£2.—A. Feltham (Sydney) 47

The following won £1 each:—H. Battishall (Sydney), 47; A. R. Harding (Parramatta), 47; W. J. Green (Parramatta), 47; S. H. Bower (Post and Telegraph), 47; T. Dunne (A.S.C.), 47; F. Swales (A.R.R.), 47; D. J. E. Chapman (Tramway), 47; J. Black (Lands), 47; A. Woods (Sydney), 46; J. W. Adams (Western Suburbs), 46; D. Tate (North Sydney), 46; J. Firman (Engineers), 46; H. Magee (Lands), 46; J. Bilton (A.R.R.), 46; W. Gribble (Tramway), 46; B. Cousens (Sydney), 46; Corp. R. J. Haron (1st A.I.R.), 46; H. W. Pinkerton (Sydney), 45; P. Lawless (Sydney), 45; W. J. Robinson (Lands), 45; P. Swinebourne (Sydney), 45; E. J. Brown (Parramatta), 45.

A SERIES AGGREGATE. Parramatta Members and the President.

£5.—Armourer-Sgt. W. A. Clark (A.R.R.) 137
£5.—W. H. Porritt (Parramatta) 137
£3.—W. J. Green (Parramatta) 135
£2.—T. Dunne (A.S.C.) 135
£2.—J. Bilton (Aust. Rifles) 135
£2.—T. W. Baldwin (South Sydney) 135

The following won £1:—A. R. Harding (Parramatta), 134; A. J. M'Leod (Randwick), 134; P. Ettinghausen (Parramatta), 134; R. Acland (Western Suburbs), 133; Pte. W. Draper (1st A.I.R.), 132; A. Woods (Sydney), 132; P. Lawless (Sydney), 132; Sgt. D. M'Calley (A.A.M.C.), 132; F. Swales (A.R.R.), 131; J. Firman (Engineers), 131; A. Leslie (North Sydney), 131; Corpl. R. J. Haron (1st A.I.R.), 130; H. Magee (Lands), 130; H. A. S. Holiday (Parramatta), 130; O. J. Stanton (Tramway), 130; T. H. Sharp (Camden), 130; W. Gribble (Tramway), 129; H. W. Pinkerton (Sydney), 129; J. J. Mathison (North Sydney), 129; D. J. E. Chapman (Tramway), 129; A. Feltham (Sydney), 128; Corpl. W. Finlay (A.R.R.), 128; P. Swinbourne (South Sydney), 128; W. J. Robinson (Lands), 128; H. J. F. Neale (Penrith), 128; C. J. Stanhope (A.R.R.), 128; F. G. Horniman (Tramway), 128; C. Fowler (Tramway), 128; C. Holroyde (Yorkshire), 128; H. Battishall (Sydney), 127; J. Black (Lands), 127; Jas. Gibson (Sydney), 127; W. Webster (Randwick), 127; T. J. Farrell (2nd A.I.R.), 127.

C SERIES.

THE TYRO.—10 shots at 300 yards.

£2.—P. A. Stanley (A.M.P. Club) 49
£1 10s.—Cecil Bull (Granville Tech. College) 48

The following won £1 each:—Sergt. A. Mason (Sen. Cadets), 49; T. Clarke (West. Subs.), 48; G. E. Dickin (1st A.I.R.), 47; Sydney Wheeler (1st A.I.R.), 47; S. Sloane (St. George's Rifles), 47; John E. King (Randwick), 47; F. Hansel (South Syd.), 47.

The following won 10s each:—F. C. Styles (A.R.R.), 47; W. J. J. Baker (Granville Tech. Coll.), 47; A. B. Abel (Sydney), 47; Sergt. E. P. Dark (Syd. Gram. School), 47; J. E. Face (Wunderlich), 47; Pte. A. Edwards (A.R.R.), 47; W. Rhodes (Hornsby), 46; P. H. Partridge (Rockdale), 46; G. H. Cunningham (Granville Tech. Coll.), 46; Jack Russell (S.G.S. Cadets), 46; W. M. Abel (Granville Tech. Coll), 46; J. T. Sawers (Balmain), 46; T. Manley (West. Subs.), 46; E. Odd (Balmain), 45; E. Garnett (Yorkshire Club), 45; W. J. Lowe (Granville Tech. Coll.), 45; Edwin Nelson (Wunderlich), 45; D. Holman (2nd A.L.H.), 45; E. Makinson (Parramatta), 45; Leslie Franklin (Manly), 45; Robt. Lee (A.R.R.), 44.

Eleven 44's were counted out.

THE NURSERY.—10 shots at 500 yards.

£2.—Wm. Rhodes (Hornsby) 49
£1 10s.—Cecil Bull (Granville Tech. Coll.) 48

The following won £1 each:—D. Asimus (Camden), 47; Jack Russell (S.G.S.), 47; Sergt. Dark (Syd. Gram. School), 47; A. Edwards (Australian Rifles), 47; T. Manley (West. Subs.), 47; E. Nelson (Wunderlich), 47; Sergt. Mason (Senior Cadets), 46.

The following won 10s each:—A. M. Pope (West. Subs.), 46; F. Hansel (Sth. Syd.), 46; T. Clarke (West. Subs.), 46; A. B. Abel (Syd.), 46; J. E. Face (Wunderlich), 46; Sergt. Sloan (St. George's Rifles), 45; E. Garnett (Yorkshire Club), 45; G. R. Sutton (Hornsby), 45; E. Makinson (P'matta), 45; J. Hamer (Balmain), 45; L. Holm (East. Subs.), 45; W. J. Lowe (Granville), 45; C. Holt (Senior Cadets), 45; G. H. Cunningham (Granville), 45; D. Holman (2nd A.L.H.), 45; J. Sorenson (Syd.), 44; C. Holt (West. Subs.), 44; V. R. Taylor (Tramway), 44; G. E. Dickin (1st A.I.R.), 44; H. Lowe (Camden), 44; W. H. Talbot (Rockdale), 44.

Five 44's were counted out.

AGGREGATE.—Tyro and Nursery.

£3.—Cecil Bull (Granville) 97
£2.—W. Rhodes (Hornsby) 95
£1 10s.—Sergt. A. Judson (Senior Cadets) 95
£1 10s.—Sergt. E. P. Dark (Syd. Gram. Sch.) 94

The following won £1 each:—A. Edwards (Aust. Rifles), 94; T. Clarke (West Subs.), 94; T. Manley (West Subs.), 93; Jack Russell (Syd. Gram. School), 93; A. A. Abel (Syd.), 93; F. F. Hansel (South Syd.), 93; Sergt. Sloan (St. George's Rifles), 93; J. E. Face (Wunderlich), 93; E. Nelson (Wunderlich), 92; E. Garnett (Yorkshire), 91. The following won 10s each:—G. H. Cunningham (Granville), 91; F. C. Styles (Aust. Rifles), 91; G. E. Dicksin (1st A.I.R.), 91; J. Lowe (Granville), 90; D. Holman (2nd A.L.H.), 90; E. Makison (P'matta), 90; Sergt. O. Wheeler (1st A.I.R.), 90; E. Odd (Balmain), 89; W. M. Abel (Granville), 89; W. J. Baker (Granville), 89; P. A. Stanley (A.M.P. Club), 89; A. M. Pope (West Subs.), 88; C. Holt (Senior Cadets), 88; L. Halm (East Subs.), 88; H. Lowe (Camden), 88; D. Westgarth (P'matta), 87; P. H. Partridge (Rockdale), 87; D. Asimus (Camden), 86; Geo. R. Sutton (Hornsby), 86; A. Wolkenhaar (Tramway), 86; V. R. Taylor (Tramway), 86; W. H. Talbot (Rockdale), 86; J. Sorensen (Sydney), 86; F. E. Moore (R'wick), 86; F. C. Bush (South Syd.), 86; Leslie Franklin (Manly), 86; A. C. Hollingsworth (A.M.P. Club), 85; R. E. Harris (Post and Telegraph), 85; H. Hughes (University Scouts), 85; Sergt. H. R. Buchanan (Scottish Rifles), 85; J. P. Tinning (P'matta), 85.

D SERIES.

THE HUTTON (disappearing disc; eight shots at 200yds, continuous).

£2.—A. K. Stephenson (Randwick), bullseye 6.. 32
£2.—H. Rhodes (Hornsby), bullseye 5 32

The following won £1 each:—E. J. Brown (Parramatta), 32; H. Harvie (Sydney), 32; H. W. Pinkerton (Sydney), 32; A. Woods (Sydney), 32; W. Patterson (North Sydney), 32; E. W. Hearne (Randwick), 32; F. S. Harrison (Randwick), 32; O. J. Stanton (Tramway), 32; H. Garnsey (Sydney), 32; R. W. Knox (Parramatta), 32.

The following won 10s each:—J. Orr (North Sydney), 28; Corpl. R. J. Heron (1st A.I.R.), 28; A. B. Abel (Sydney), 28; H. Magee (Lands), 28; A. H. Garnsey (Sydney), 28; H. Battishall (Sydney), 28; A. J. M'Leod (Randwick), 28; J. J. Mathison (North Sydney), 28; Pte. W. Draper (1st A.I.R.), 28; Pte. W. H. Page (A.R.R.), 28; G. Wilson (Sydney), 28.

THE FINN (running man; eight shots, 300yds, continuous).

£2.—J. S. Pryce (Parramatta) 32
£2.—W. A. Clarke (A.R.R.) 32
£2.—Sgt. D. M'Calley (A.A.M.C.) 32

The following won £1 each:—P. Ettinghausen (Parramatta), 32; H. R. Johnson (Randwick), 32; R. C. Kendall (Parramatta), 32; Lieut. Jewell (2nd A.L.H.), 32; F. S. Harrison (Randwick), 32; A. Woods (Sydney), 32; Jas. Thomas (1st A.I.R.), 32; W. M'Kenzie (North Sydney), 32.

The following won 15s each:—A. J. M'Leod (Randwick), 28; A. Feltham (Sydney), 28.

The following won 10s each:—W. Pettigrew (2nd A.I.R.), 28; A. H. Garnsey (Sydney), 28; C. Schultz (North Sydney), 28; J. R. Wallace (Randwick), 28; J. J. Hammond (Randwick), 28; S. Renwick (Eastern Suburbs), 28; H. B. Jamieson (Parramatta), 28.

The following won 4s each:—G. L. Ardill (Parramatta), 28; D. L. Hattersley (Parramatta), 28; D. Holman (2nd A.L.H.), 28; E. N. Paine (North Sydney), 28; Arm.-sgt. Motion (A.R.R.), 28.

Price, Clarke, and M'Calley, the leaders, tied with two bullseyes each. M'Leod and Feltham, who each obtained 15s, with scores of 28, also tied with two bullseyes.

SERVICE AGGREGATE.

(Original Scores in Hutton and Finn.)

£5.—F. A. Harrison (Randwick) 64
£2.—Corpl. J. Thomas (1st A.I.R.) 60
£2.—A. Woods (Sydney) 60
£1 10s.—D. Hattersley (Parramatta) 56
£1 10s.—O. J. Stanton (Tramways) 56
£1 10s.—P. Ettinghausen (Parramatta) 56
£1 10s.—P. Rhodes (Hornsby) 56
£1 10s.—A. J. M'Leod (Randwick) 56

The following won £1 each:—R. W. Knox (Parramatta), 56; E. Ablaster (Parramatta), 56; H. Motion (A.R.R.), 56; J. Bilton (A.R.R.), 56; H. Magee (Lands), 52; H. Harvie (Sydney), 52; J. J. Hammond (Randwick), 52; Pte. W. Draper (1st A.I.R.), 52; E. W. Hearne (Randwick), 52.

The following won 15s each:—C. Schultz (N. Sydney), 52; A. H. Garnsey (Sydney), 52; A. B. Abel (Sydney), 52; C. Fowler (Tramways), 52; Corpl. R. J. Haron (1st A.I.R.), 52.

The following won 10s each:—W. Webster (Randwick), 48; J. Orr (N. Sydney), 48; C. Black (Lands), 48; W. A. Clarke (A.R.R.), 48; A. Feltham (Sydney), 48; A. R. Stephenson (Randwick), 48; L. J. Stanhope (A.R.R.), 48; F. Swales (A.R.R.), 48; H. Battishall (Sydney), 48; G. Fisher (Sydney), 48; Pte. W. H. Page (A.R.R.), 48; E. J. Brown (Parramatta), 48; J. M'Kenzie (N. Sydney), 48; G. Wilson (Sydney), 44; C. Holroyde (Yorkshire), 44; Lieut. F. W. Turton (Eastern Suburbs), 44; Col.-Sergt. C. P. Taylor (A.R.R.), 44; Sergt. D. M'Dalley (A.A.M.C.), 44; F. Marsden (Sydney), 44; G. H. S. Holliday (Parramatta), 44; Sergt. C. Edwards (A.R.R.), 44; Lieut. Coggins (Naval Brigade), 44; H. B. Jamieson (Parramatta), 44; Sergt.-Major F. J. Farrow (2nd A.I.R.), 40; W. C. Young (Granville), 40; F. C. Bolton (W. Suburbs), 40; W. Patterson (N. Sydney), 40; J. S. Pryce (Parramatta), 40; G. H. Cunningham (Granville), 40; F. W. Tame (N. Sydney), 40; J. Black (Lands), 40; J. F. Nicholas (Randwick), 40; H. T. Garnsey (Sydney), 40.

TEAMS' MATCH. 10 shots at 500 yards; four men in team; time limit, 50 minutes per team.

There were 23 teams competing, and the entrance fees were divided among the first four winning teams, which were as follows:—

£5.—North Sydney A 181
£4.—Parramatta C 181
£3.—Granville Technical College A 180
£1 15s.—Randwick A 179

CONTINUOUS. Five shots at 300 yards.

H. Garnsey (Sydney) won £1 on Saturday with 24. Yesterday's shooting:—£1—A. H. Garnsey (Sydney), 24; £1—Private W. Draper (1st A.I.R.), 24; £1—Private W. Draper (1st A.I.R.), 24; 10s—Corporal W. Finlay (A.R.R.), 23.

A team from Picton met the A.N.A. in a match, 11 men a-side, seven shots each at 300, 400, and 500 yards, and won with 124 points to spare.

On the Manly range E (Gosford Company) and F (Manly Company) fired a match at 500 and 600 yards, seven shots each. F Company won by 41 points. F Company.—Lieutenant Whinfield, 33, 28—61; Corporal H. Hind, 31, 28—59; Private L. Hind, 32, 23—55; Private R. Wombey, 30, 24—54; Private R. Wagg, 27, 26—53; Private H. Wombey, 23, 28—51; Sergeant Fennell, 29, 19—48; Lieutenant Bosch, 27, 19—46; Private Burchill, 18, 25—43; total, 470. E Company.—S.-S. Major Bilton, 30, 30—60; Private R. Whinfield, 23, 25—48; Sergeant Coulter, 29, 26—55; Private Nicholas, 28, 25—53; Private Kirkness, 27, 19—46; Corporal Wild, 24, 18—42; Private Day, 23, 18—41; Corporal Parsons, 19, 21—40; Private Ruff, 16, 18—34; total, 429.

AMUSEMENTS.

GARCIA CONCERT COMPANY.

Four students from the Garcia School of Music, under Mme. Christian, all of whom are already more or less prominent in musical circles here, gave a concert under the direction of Messrs. Nicholson and Co. at the Y.M.C.A. Hall last night. The four in question, Misses Josie Miles, Isobel Markham, Rubie Henry, and Dorothy Scott-Young, are in this way to be assisted in the further pursuit of the art, towards which end encouragement was given by a very cordial appreciation of their efforts. The contralto of the group is, of course, a young singer, who has already firmly established herself in public favour. Last night, indeed, Miss Miles was heard to unusual advantage, the pathos of Mrs. Woodford-Finden's fine song, "The Request," enabling her to exhibit a warmth and emotion which gave added significance to the beautiful timbre of her voice. O'Connor's Irish song, "Little Pat," was added as encore, with feeling for its humour and tenderness. Miss Rubie Henry, who possesses a high mezzo of full and flute-like quality, sang Willeby's "Crossing the Bar." In this felicitously inspired setting of Tennyson's swan-song, her best effect was the exultation, arising from a confident faith, which she suggested in the closing phrase. The singer would have been much assisted in the final verse had an organ obbligato been available. The encore was Mme. d'Hardelot's "Because." Miss Isobel Markham sang Herbert Bunning's charming "Song of Sunshine" with taste and careful management of her soprano voice, with "A Reproach" (Noel Johnson) in response to the applause. Miss Scott-Young, the pianist of the group, employed an expressive touch in Liszt's reposeful "Etude in D Flat," and her neat and sparkling technique in Chaminade's "Pierrette" led to further recalls, when Grieg's "To the Spring" was added as encore. Mr. Fred. Rooke, who exhibited a pure tenor voice of considerable power, was heartily encored for "Come into the Garden, Maude," when he responded with "Love's Young Dream." Mr. Harry Leston, in spite of a severe cold, recited "Eugene Aram" with no lack of dramatic effect, though his alteration of the last words of the poem from "with gyves upon his wrists" to "fetters" represents a quite needless concession to (supposed) popular ignorance. The humorous "Rhyme of the Rail" was delivered with many mirth-provoking touches as encore. Mr. Frank Thompson proved an efficient accompanist.

TOWN HALL ORGAN RECITAL.

The City Organist, Mr. Ernest Truman, opened his recital at the Town Hall last night in holiday fashion with a brilliant paraphrase of his own upon "National Airs." The list included "The British Grenadiers," "Yankee Doodle," with pretty carillon effects, "Old Folks at Home," with the melody for voix celeste, and also for vox humana, accompanied by flute, the German "Fatherland," the "March of the Men of Harlech," and "Auld Lang Syne." There was a burst of applause at the conclusion, and Mr. Truman then "cleared the atmosphere" with a finely discriminative rendering of the poetic vorspiel to "Lohengrin," followed by the grotesque suggestions of Grieg's "In the Hall of the Mountain King" by way of contrast. Gounod's "Serenade," with the theme expressed on combination stops, vox humana, and cornopean, was encored with enthusiasm. Lemmens' "Storm Fantasia" proved another popular item, and after the imposing "1812 Overture" (Tschaikowsky), a final encore took the welcome form of Wely's tender "Romance sans Paroles."

NEWBURY CONCERT.

An appreciative audience assembled last night in the Exhibition Building for the first of Mr. Philip Newbury's popular concerts. The stage was prettily arranged with palms and flags. Mr. Newbury was in his best form, and each of his songs was encored. The first was Flotow's M'appari from "Martha," and this was followed by "The Star of Bethlehem." In the second item the State Military Band, under the baton of Lieutenant Bentley, accompanied the singer. The result was an enthusiastic recall. But it was "Come into the Garden, Maud" that pleased the audience best, and in reply to continuous applause Mr. Newbury added "Annie Laurie." Miss Elsa Fischer's soprano voice was heard to advantage in "Rosebuds" and "A Song of Thanksgiving." Mr. Orme Darvall sang the "Toreador Song" and "Beloved, it is Morn"; and Mr. Edward Baynes was heard in "It Takes the Irish" and "The Douovans." Variety was added to the programme by a harp solo, "Autumn," played by Signor Albert Torzillo, and several operatic airs by the State Military Band. The selection from "The Belle of New York" was particularly good.

BALLOON ASCENT AT CLONTARF.

Several thousand holiday-makers journeyed yesterday to the Maori Village at Clontarf, where also a balloon ascent was made by Captain Penfold. The Australian aeronaut was timed to ascend at 4 p.m., and punctual to the minute he rose above Clontarf, changed his costume whilst in the air, and gave a display of trapeze feats. A north-easterly wind carried the balloon to about 3000ft above Middle Harbour, when Captain Penfold cut away his parachute. The crowd then ran pellmell to the beach to watch the aeronaut steering his parachute downwards, and endeavouring to reach the Mosman side. However, he splashed into the water, just missing it by about 30 yards. He had taken the precaution to take up a cork belt with him, but did not use it. Leaving it and the parachute floating, he swam shorewards, reaching it safely. The launch, which usually waits out for him, soon came along, and the captain, his parachute, and the balloon, which fell near him, were all soon back at Clontarf, little the worse for the accident.

BOXING.

SUMMERS OUTFIGHTS UNHOLZ.

REFEREE DECLARES A DRAW.

Bill Squires, the ex-heavyweight champion of Australia, made his first appearance in the ring as a referee last night, and it is to be hoped that it will be his last. Not only did he appear unwilling to make the men break clean, but he passed over several actions on Unholz's part which would have, if the contest had been in the hands of a different referee, brought about his immediate disqualification. To crown all he gave his decision as a draw, and that when Summers had, with the exception of the first three rounds, outpointed his opponent by at least three to one. Unholz fought as he always does, relying on his great staying powers and capacity to take punishment to see him through. Summers, who appeared to find his opponent slightly awkward at first, was slightly behind on points at the end of the third round. From that out, however, the issue was never in doubt. He outboxed and outfought Unholz, who, driven to desperation by the punishment he was receiving, attempted on more than one occasion to lose the contest on a foul. Unholz was clean knocked down in the last round, and took six seconds; and at the conclusion of the contest told Summers that he had met a better man.

Squires then electrified the audience by giving his decision in favour of a draw. Thereupon the crowd howled indignantly, and he left the ring in the midst of a howling mob. Summers appeared quite stunned at the decision, but made no remark. When Summers left the ring he was accorded quite an ovation.

THE CHINA ACCIDENT.

PERSIA IMMEDIATELY REQUISITIONED.

A SMART PERFORMANCE.

It is one of the characteristics of the P. and O. Company that no adverse circumstance is permitted to interfere with the regularity of its mail services. Throughout the prolonged labour trouble in this State the liners have left to time with full cargoes and mails, and the replacement of the R.M.S. China by the incoming steamer Persia affords another striking illustration of the policy of the company. It was announced by cable at the time that the Persia had taken up the running of the China owing to a mishap to her rudder, but it was not until the receipt of mail advices yesterday that details of the accident became known here.

The change, it appears, was made at the very last moment. As a matter of fact the passengers for Australia had embarked, and the China was actually under way on her voyage to Sydney when the accident occurred. The China at her usual hour on Friday, December 17, cast off her lines from her berth in the Tilbury Docks. A moment later the liner collided severely with the quay, and a hurried examination showed that her rudder had been damaged, and that part of the stone work of the quay had been carried away. It was at once realised that, under the circumstances, the China could not make the voyage to Australia, and the managers of the P. and O. Company at once prepared to make other arrangements.

The Persia, at Marseilles, was immediately requisitioned for the journey to Sydney, and the passengers and their baggage were sent to Calais, and thence by special trains to Marseilles. As a result of the arrangements so rapidly made the Persia will reach Sydney almost up to the China's time.

No one can feel well and strong unless their bowels move regularly. Chamberlain's Tablets make the bowels act naturally.—Advt.

THE KIAMA SHOW.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

The first of the South Coast shows was opened to-day at Kiama. While other parts of the South Coast suffered severely from the effects of protracted dry weather, Kiama was apparently exempt, as the splendid condition of the cattle amply testified. The rainfall of a few weeks back caused a wonderful growth of grass and crops, and the district never looked better than at the present time. The cattle and horses, although not so numerous as at former shows, were exceptionally fine, and were generally admired. The entries approximately totalled 4000, and the prize-money distributed amounted to between £400 and £500. The pavilion display was very creditable. Mr. M. F. Morton, M.L.A., performed the official opening ceremony, and in doing so congratulated the committee on the successful show. It would prove very encouraging to the people of the Kiama district to learn that the association was completely out of debt. It had 424 members, which entitled the society to a 75 per cent. subsidy on the total prize-money offered. As far as the ground was concerned, it was very much improved, as the result of something like £450 subsidy and a £400 grant from the Land Department vote. It was not only a first-class showground, but was up to date in every way for recreation purposes. There was, he noticed, a slight shortage in stock, but the quality was improved. It only showed the recuperative powers of the Illawarra district.

Mr. G. W. Fuller (Minister for Home Affairs) congratulated the State Government for their efforts in assisting the people on the land. He hoped at an early date to see the State assisted by a Federal department to help those who were producing the wealth of Australia.

The president of the society (Mr. H. T. Robb) presided at the luncheon at M'Caffrey's Brighton Hotel. In responding to the toast of the Federal and State Parliaments, Mr. G. W. Fuller pointed out the important legislation passed as a result of the fusion Government. He instanced the passing of the Defence Bill and the invitation of Lord Kitchener to our shores. The passing of the Federal Capital Bill was another important measure, and as far as the Government was concerned he for one was determined to push this matter on so that the Federal Parliament would have a home of its own, where legislation could be passed without being influenced by the many bigger cities in the Commonwealth. (Applause.) Messrs. M. F. Morton (member for Allowrie) and Donaldson (member for Tumut) responded on behalf of the State Parliament.

In the champion commercial butter contest, for cow giving the largest quantity of butter in 24 hours, there was a good competition, the event being won by Bailey Bros.' Vera, whose weekly yield was 19.53lb, and daily yield 2.79lb, Graham Bros.' Dairymaid, with a weekly yield of 19.39lb and a daily yield of 2.77lb, being second, and H. Dudgeon's Lady Jean coming third with a weekly yield of 19.04lb and a daily yield of 2.72lb. The champion milking competition for a period of 24 hours was won by Graham Bros.' Dairymaid, the weight of milk yielded being 67¾lb; morning milk test 3.4, evening milk 4, average for the day 3.7. H. Dudgeon's Lady Jean was second, with 65½lb milk; morning milk tested 3.7, evening 3.8. Bailey Bros.' Buttercup secured third prize, with 62lb milk. In the test for cow having not more than four permanent teeth producing the largest quantity of milk in 24 hours, Messrs. Graham Bros.' (Dunmore) British Queen won first and second prizes, the quantity of milk yielded being 46lb and 37¾lb, Mr. Thos. Fredericks (Jamberoo) exhibit winning third prize with a yield of 37lb.

In the competition for the best quarter of an acre of potatoes, the judges reported that in many of the plots visited it was found that the early spring rains had caused a good growth of tops, but in most instances the dry weather following caused disappointing results. Regarding the growth and development of the tubers all the crops judged were grown on flat country, the hill crops, owing to the weather conditions, being partial failures. None of the crops on Terragong Common were considered up to competition standard. The results as obtained from wide and close planting proved interesting. Messrs. Fredericks Bros. planted 26 rows to the chain, P. Robb 30, H. H. Honey 28, H. Colley 36, Jones and Graham 40, H. Honey 25. In awarding points for weight the judges took a 15-ton crop as a basis of calculation, and awarded points proportionately. The results were as follows—

Frederick Bros.: Weight of quarter-acre, 2 tons 12cwt 3qr 7lb; weight per acre, 10 tons 11cwt 1qr; points awarded, weight 35, quality 24, value 9, cultivation 9, total 80. P. Robb: Weight of quarter-acre, 2 tons 10cwt 2qr 6lb; weight per acre, 10 tons 2cwt 0qr 26lb; points awarded, weight 37, quality 24, value 9, cultivation 9, total 79. H. H. Honey: Weight of quarter-acre, 2 tons 7cwt 2qr; weight per acre, 9 tons 10cwt; points awarded, weight 35, quality 20, value 8, cultivation 10, total 73.

AWARDS.

Draught stock.—Stallion: J. Phillips, 1; J. Price, 2. Colt or gelding, 2yrs and under 3yrs: T. R. Moffitt. Colt or gelding, 1yr and under 2yrs: H. Stevenson, 1; G. L. Fuller, 2. Best draught colt or stallion on ground (champion ribbon): J. Phillips. Mare: E. J. Marks, 1; J. Love, 2. Filly, 2yrs and under 3yrs: G. L. Fuller, 1; E. J. Marks, 2. Filly, 1yr and under 2yrs: R. East. Best draught mare on ground (champion ribbon): E. J. Marks. Horse or filly foal, by Pride of Devon: G. L. Fuller, 1; W. Tate, 2. Pony mare, 14 hands and under: H. Love, 1; S. R. Jolliffe, 2. Foal, by Young Bonnie: H. J. King, 1; P. A. Robb, 2.

Blood and Coaching Stock.—Blood stallion: J. Davis. Colt or gelding, 2yrs and under 3yrs: East Bros., 1; J. Seymour, 2. Colt or gelding, 1yr and under 2yrs: C. M'Glinchey, 1; R. Miller, 2. Best blood colt or stallion on ground (champion ribbon): J. Davis. Mare, without foal: W. Coughran, 1; R. Jones, 2. Mare, with foal at foot: C. M'Glinchey, 1; Quinn Bros., 2. Filly, 2yrs and under 3yrs: J. T. Price, 1; W. G. Thompson, 2. Best blood mare or filly on ground (champion): J. T. Price. Coaching mare: Johnson Bros., 1; R. J. Wilson, 2. Springcart horse: J. H. Johnson, 1; H. Dawes, 2. Pair active farm horses, to be driven in pair: J. Love, 1; H. Stevenson, 2. Active farm horse: J. Love, 1 and 2. Lady rider, over 3ft 6in fences: Mrs. Kiliott, 1; Miss Kirk, 2. Horse, dray, and harness for heavy work: J. Price, 1; W. G. Thompson, 2. Girl rider, under 17yrs: Miss M. Knight, 1; Miss Carr, 2. Maiden Hunter, over four fences, 3ft 6in: R. E. Forrest, 1; J. E. Nelson, 2. Lady's Hack, non prizewinner: C. McGlinchey, 1; W. J. Johnson, 2. Lady rider, non prizewinner: Miss Knight, 1; Miss G. King, 2. Sulky horse: T. Bergin, 1; Miss Pullman, 2. Lady, unharnessing horse in shortest time: Miss Thelma King, 1; Miss Lily Torrens, 2. Maiden pacer or trotter, bred in Allowrie electorate: Graham Bros., 1; C. King, 2. Gent.'s hack, non-prizewinner: C. McGlinchey, 1; J. Love, 2. Maiden high jump: Roy Forrest, 1; D. Buckley, 2. Gent.'s hack, to be owned and ridden by farmer in Kiama district: E. Couch, 1; J. Love, 2. Hunting pony, 14¼ hands and under, over 3ft 6in fences: J. Chittick, 1 and 2. Gent.'s fair walking hack: J. S. Nelson, 1; E. Cole, 2. Pony high jump, 14.2 and under: J. Chittick, 1 and 2. All-round pony, to be shown in saddle and harness, height not less than 13 or under 14 hands: Nelson Bros., 1; T. Bergin, 2. Buggy horse, non-prizewinner: T. Bergin, 1; Miss Pullman, 2.

Milking Shorthorn Cattle.—Milking cow: J. W. Cole, 1 and 2; Graham Bros., 3. Dry cow: J. W. Cole, 1; Graham Bros., 2. Cow, not having more than six or less than five permanent teeth: Graham Bros., 1; C. W. Craig, 2. Cow, not having more than four permanent teeth: C. W. Craig, 1; Graham Bros., 2; T. Cook, 3. Heifer, 2 years and under 3 years: J. Sharpe, 1; A. Campbell, 2; C. W. Craig, 3. Heifer, 1 year and under 2 years: C. J. Cullen, 1; E. R. Bigg, 2; C. W. Craig, 3. Heifer calf, under 12 months: T. Cook, 1; J. R. Miller, 2; J. W. Cole, 3. Breeders' champion prize, for group of milking Shorthorns: J. W. Cole. Bull, 4 years and upwards: E. R. Bibb, 1; A. Campbell, 2; T. Cook, 3. Bull, 3 years and under 4 years: J. W. Garrett, 1; C. W. Craig, 2. Bull, 2 years and under 3 years: J. E. Noble. Bull, 1 year and under 2 years: J. Prior, 1; J. W. Cole, 2. Bull calf, under 12 months: J. W. Cole, 1; A. Campbell, 2; J. Gallagher, 3.

Ayrshire Cattle.—Milking cow: C. Lamond, 1; Quinn Bros., 2. Dry cow: C. Lamond. Heifer, 2yrs and under 3yrs: C. Lamond. Heifer, 1yr and under 2yrs: C. Lamond, 1 and 2. Heifer, under 12 months: C. Lamond, 1 and 2. Ayrshire bull, 3yrs and upwards: C. Lamond, 1 and champion. Bull, 2yrs and under 3yrs: A. Battye, 1; J. M'Gill, 2. Bull, 1yr and under 2yrs: C. Lamond, 1; A. Alexander, 2. Bull, under 12 months: C. Lamond, 1; J. Gallagher, 2.

Jersey Cattle.—Milking cow, dry cow, heifer, 2yrs and under 3yrs, heifer, 1yr and under 2yrs, heifer calf, under 12 months: Hyam and Son, 1 and 2, each instance. Jersey bull, 3yrs and upwards: Hyam and Son, 1; W. J. Moffitt, 2. Jersey bull, 1yr and under 2yrs: Hyam and Son, 1; C. T. Hindmarsh, 2. Champion bull and cow: Hyam and Son.

Guernsey Cattle.—Milking cow, heifer, bull, 3yrs and upwards, bull, under 3yrs: Kinross Bros., 1 and 2.

Fat Cattle.—Fat cow: E. J. Marks, 1 and 2. Ox: E. J. Marks, 1; J. G. Miller, 2.

Illawarra Dairy Cattle.—Cow in milk, 3yrs and upwards: E. J. Marks, 1; H. Dudgeon, 2; G. Gray, 3 and 4. Dry cow: S. E. Smith, 1; C. W. Craig, 2; J. R. Miller, 3. Cow having not more than 6, or less than 5, permanent teeth: G. Gray, 1 and 2; J. G. Miller 2. Cow with not more than 4 permanent teeth: E. J. Marks, 1; Graham Bros., 2; C. W. Craig, 3. Heifer, 2 years and under 3 years: C. W. Craig, 1; E. J. Marks, 2; Graham Bros., 3. Heifer, 1 year and under 2 years: Quinn Bros., 1; C. W. Craig, 2; J. Sharp, 3. Heifer calf, under 12 months: R. Mills, 1; J. Sharp, 2; C. W. Craig, 3. Bull, 4yrs and upwards: C. W. Craig, 1; Graham Bros., 2; A. Alexander, 3; G. Gray, 4. Bull, 3yrs and under 4yrs: C. J. Cullen, 1; W. Scott, 2. Bull, 2yrs and under 3yrs: A. Alexander, 1; T. S. Harding, 2; Bailey Bros., 3. Bull, 1yr and under 2yrs: J. Hanrahan, 1; H. T. Robb, 2; J. and W. Winley, 3. Bull calf, under 12 months: Bailey Bros. 1; J. Gallagher, 2; D. E. Weir, 3.

Miscellaneous Cattle Classes.—Group of six dairy cattle: C. Lamond, 1; C. W. Craig, 2; Graham Bros., 3; J. W. Cole, 4. Pen of three milking cows: J. W. Cole, 1; G. Grey, 2; H. Dudgeon, 3. Cow, for dairy purposes (grand champion): J. W. Cole. Pen of three dairy cows, under 4yrs: G. Grey, 1; C. W. Craig, 2; J. G. Miller, 3. Pen of three cows, for non-prizewinners: Bailey Bros., 1; E. R. Bigg, 2. Pen of three dry cows: C. Lamond, 1; C. W. Craig, 2; J. R. Miller, 3. Pen of three 2yr heifers: C. W. Craig, 1; H. Dudgeon, 2; E. J. Marks, 3. Pen of three heifers, 1yr and under 2yrs: J. Sharp, 1; E. J. Marks, 2 and 3. Heifer, under 3yrs, for non-prizewinners: Kinross Bros., 1. Pen of three heifer calves, under 12 months: T. Cook, 1; Graham Bros., 2; J. Sharp, 3. Bull, any age, and six of his progeny, to be under 3yrs: C. Lamond, 1; T. Cook, 2. Grand champion dairy bull: C. Lamond.

Grasses.—Collection farm produce: J. Prior, 1 and 2. Perennial rye grass seed: Peter Quinn. Prairie grass seed: R. Jones, 1; H. H. Honey, 2. Paspalum: H. H. Honey, 1; R. Jones, 2.

Dairy produce.—Box butter, not less than 56lb: Nowra Co-operative Dairy Co., 1; Woodstock Dairy Co., 2. Table butter: Albion Park Dairy Co., 1; Jamberoo Dairy Co., 2; Woodstock Dairy Co., 3. Cheese: A. C. Lamond.

Hay.—Truss lucerne: E. T. Elliott, 1; H. Chittick, 2. Truss of oaten hay: East Bros., 1; J. Prior, 2. Truss of meadow hay: E. T. Elliott, 1; East Bros., 2. [illegible] ensilage: G. Grey, 1 and 2. Collection cattle fodder: East Bros.

Grain.—Collection of grain: W. Prior, 1; Field, 2. Sunflowers: W. Prior, 1; J. Prior, 2. Algerian oats: P. Quinn. Cape barley: J. Prior, 1; P. Quinn, 2. Bushel of wheat and sheaf: C. T. Hindmarsh, 1; East Bros., 2. Maize in cob: H. H. Honey, 1 and 2. Collection of maize: East Bros., 1 and 2. Planters' friend seed, 20lb: T. Sproule, 1; H. Colley, 2. Bushel yellow maize: East Bros., 1; H. H. Honey, 2. Bushel white maize: East Bros., 1; H. H. Honey, 2. Collection maize stalks: H. J. King, 1; H. Dawes, 2.

Dogs.—Cattle dog: W. Tate, 1; F. Carbery, 2. Cattle slut: W. Tate, 1; J. H. Brownlee, 2. Collie dog: J. Duggan, 1; Miss Halkett, 2. Collie slut: A. Halliwell. Fox-terrier, dog: J. Taylor, 1; G. J. Prott, 2. Fox-terrier, slut: J. Prior, 1; S. B. Stainer, 2. Terrier, any other variety: R. Cockerill. Pointer, slut: M. A. Brown. Greyhound, dog: G. G. Tory, 1; J. Hawsley, 2. Slut: J. Hawsley. Retriever: J. Atchison. Setter: E. McClelland.

Swine.—Four bacon pigs: J. Sharp (Gerringong). Berkshire boar, 1 and 2, sow 1 and 2. Poland China boar and sow: F. Abbot, 1 and 2.

The principal winners in the vegetable section were:—P. Quinn, N. E. Hindmarsh, H. Dawes, E. T. Elliott, J. Prior, T. H. Gray, A. Towle, H. H. Honey, F. Knight, East Bros., Bailey Bros. Winners in the fruit section were:—T. H. Gray, C. T. Hindmarsh, W. Kelly, C. J. Cullen, Johnson Bros., F. Carberry, Bailey Bros., H. H. Honey, M. N. Hindmarsh, H. Fredericks, G. G. Tory, Mrs. M. J. Hindmarsh, Miss Weston, E. T. Elliott, W. Prior.

The principal winners in the poultry section were as follows:—Bonaventure Poultry Farm, F. Walker, H. Harnon, H. Thomas, W. A. Hunter, T. Pestell, P. Benson, C. McGlinchey, W. Gibson, H. Prott, S. Tunes, Miss Bigg, M. N. Hindmarsh, D. E. Weir, Quinn Bros., N. E. Hindmarsh, and G. J. Prott.

AN ISLAND WRECK.

TOTAL LOSS OF THE IMACOS.

DISASTROUS EXPLOSION FOLLOWS.

AUCKLAND (N.Z.), Wednesday.

The Union Company's steamer Tofua, which arrived here to-day from Sydney, via Fiji, Tonga, and Samoa, brought news of the wreck at Lifuka of the Norwegian barque Imacos while leaving the harbour en route to Europe laden with 919 tons of copra.

The vessel struck a reef and rapidly filled with water. With a view to saving the vessel she was run ashore in the harbour, and the cargo was subsequently sold for £235.

While salvage operations were proceeding an explosion from some unexplained cause occurred in the after-hold, and the vessel caught fire and was completely gutted. The Imacos and her cargo were insured for £23,000.

The crew of the lost vessel came on to Auckland in the Tofua. While the steamer was lying at anchor waiting to enter Nukualofa on January 21 a Norwegian named Peder Holversen a sailmaker belonging to the Imacos, was noticed swimming astern of the Tofua. Lifebelts were thrown to him and a boat was lowered, but he suddenly disappeared. It is supposed that he was seized by a shark.

The Imacos, which was formerly known as the Abercorne, was built by M'Kellar and Co. at Dumbarton in 1875, and was owned in Tvedestrand, Norway. She was an iron barque of 752 tons gross and of 680 tons net, her principal measurements being:—Length, 186ft 1in; breadth, 31ft 1in; and depth, 18ft 4in.

THE TANAMI GOLDFIELD.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

Mr. Walter Rose, overland drover, says that the Tanami goldfield will not pay until the country is more accessible. He says there are several one-ounce propositions between Tanami and Hall's Creek, which cannot be profitably worked, owing to the immense cost of supplies.

THE FEDERAL CAPITAL.

"WHY NOT SYDNEY?"

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

At the farmers' conference in Melbourne to-day, Mr. J. Glasgow (V.) moved,—"That the establishment of the Federal capital in an unpopulated bush centre is bad public policy, and this conference urges the reconsideration of the whole question with a view to substituting some settled suburb in the neighbourhood of Sydney, or Sydney itself, for such site as Yass-Canberra. Mr. J. M'Donald (V.) seconded the motion. Mr. Patten, M.L.C. (N.S.W.) said the whole matter had already been dealt with by constitutional representatives.

The president said it would be in accordance with the wishes of a majority of people to have the whole matter reconsidered.

Mr. D. M. Charleston (S.A.) was surprised at the motion being brought forward at this stage of Commonwealth affairs, when the Federal Parliament had decided after years of wrangling to give effect to the Constitution and the agreement with New South Wales.

Mr. T. I. Campbell (N.S.W.) described the motion as unreasonable. The motion was then withdrawn. Mr. Glasgow, in withdrawing, said it had been thought to please the New South Wales people by telling them that they might have the capital in Sydney. (Laughter.)

THE POSTAL SERVICE.

FARMERS' RECOMMENDATIONS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

At the Farmers' Interstate Conference to-day Mr. Campbell moved:—"That, whereas the Postal Department is the people's national means of information and education, this conference expresses the hope that reform in the department, as a result of the Royal Commission, will be on the following lines: (1) That the postal, telegraph, or telephone service should be extended to meet the reasonable requirements of every ratepayer in the Commonwealth; (2) that there should be one uniform system of charges and regulations for the whole Commonwealth; (3) that public convenience in postal matters should be paramount over commercial considerations; (4) that improved facility for transit in the Commonwealth of cables and telegrams is urgent; (5) that, in the case of urgent messages, improved provision should be made so as not to delay other public or private messages; (6) that in places where it is only possible to use the railway station for postal and telegraphic services, greater and more expeditious facilities should be given to the public; (7) that weather reports be published at all post-offices daily."

Mr. Campbell said that in race times private business was held up at the telegraph offices to permit of the despatch of urgent telegrams conveying results of races. (Laughter.) The motion was carried.

NEW ZEALAND CRICKET TOUR.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Wednesday.

The Wanganui Cricket Association has offered to guarantee £75 for a game with the Australians. Blenheim offers £50 for a two-days' match.

C. E. Simpson has been definitely chosen as a member of the team.

SOUTH AFRICAN EXPLOSIVES.

MINERS ACCEPT TEST.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The A.M.A. on Tuesday night, following the conference of the morning on the South African fracteur question, decided to accept the test of the explosives proposed by the mining managers. The executive was also given a free hand in the matter of its decision following the test.

TWO TRAINS DELAYED.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

The passenger train from Sydney to Dubbo on Tuesday afternoon was delayed for 50 minutes at Botton Points, owing to the engine becoming derailed while changing ends. The derailment occurred as the engine was crossing the points. A departmental inquiry is to be held.

The passenger train to Sydney was also delayed for 22 minutes, owing to an accident.

BAND CONTEST.

BRISBANE THE WINNERS.

The eighth annual championship contest under the auspices of the Band Association of New South Wales was concluded last night, and resulted in a win for the Brisbane Concert Band. The points awarded last night were:—

Brisbane Concert Band, 150; Metropolitan Band, 145; St. George District Band, 144; N.S.W. Government Tramway Band, 141; Maitland Federal Band, 138; Helensburgh Miners' Band, 135; Rozelle Band, 137; Balmain Rechabite Band, 131; Rockdale Municipal Band, 122. Adding these to the points won on Tuesday night, the final figures become: Brisbane Concert Band, 292 points, 1; Metropolitan Band, 287, 2; St. George District Band, 282, 3; Tramway Band, 278, 4; Maitland Federal Band and Helensburgh Miners' Band, 273 each, 5; Rozelle Band, 269, 7; Balmain Rechabite Band and Rockdale Municipal Band, 255 each, 8. To-night a massed performance by eleven bands will take place.

Interstate Sailing Carnival.—The "Sydney Mail" this week has an interesting page giving the competitors for the sailing championship of Australia.—Advt.

"Milroy" continues his illustrated series of articles on the yearlings in the "Sydney Mail" this week. The Merton and Nandillyan Heights yearlings are described.—Advt.

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LABOUR IN CONGRESS.

THE ANNUAL SESSION.

The annual conference of the Political Labour League of New South Wales was opened yesterday at the Trades Hall. Mr. Frank Bryant presided. There was a full attendance of delegates. These included members of the Labour parties in the Federal and State Parliaments.

The president welcomed the delegates. He commended the work of the executive during the past year, and referred to the report of the executive as containing matter that would be read with interest by all concerned. Much had been done. [illegible] remained to be done. But to realise the fullest measure of success it would be necessary to place the cause before the individual in every case. He looked forward with expectancy to the next general elections. There was no reason why a Labour Ministry should not be placed in power, but it would need hard work and self-sacrifice. There were some large and important unions that still remained outside the political expression of the industrial movement; that ought not to be. Every union should come into step, for the future depended upon unity of action. The time had arrived when every union throughout the Commonwealth should combine for political action. A stimulus was afforded by the reactionary legislation which marked the close of the last session of Parliament. It was sought by that legislation to destroy the trades-union movement, and to wreck the political expression of that body. The Wade "Coercion Act" was a repetition of what had gone before, and it came from those who, while expressing sympathy with the workers, sought to crush them. The presidential address was brought to a close by an expression of sympathy with the sufferers by the flood in the north-eastern district.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE.

Appended is an abstract of the report of the executive committee:—

SENATE CAMPAIGN.

The Senate candidates, selected by the vote of leagues and affiliated unions, are Albert Gardiner, Allan M'Dougall, and Arthur Rae. The campaign was opened on May 11. Since then a vigorous campaign has been prosecuted, no opportunity being lost by the candidates of placing the Labour platform before the people of the State. Their efforts were assisted to a very large extent by two of these (Messrs. Gardiner and Rae) being employed as organisers by the Australian Workers' Union, much of the expense of getting their views before the public being thus borne by that union. We hope that the increasing vote secured at each Senatorial election will be sufficiently augmented this time to secure the election of the three pledged Labour men.

FEDERAL SELECTIONS.

For the House of Representatives the following selections have been made:—
Barrier.—Josiah Thomas.
Calare.—Thomas Brown.
Cook.—J. H. Catts.
Dalley.—Robert Howe.
Darling.—Wm. G. Spence.
East Sydney.—J. E. West.
Gwydir.—William Webster.
Hunter.—Matthew Charlton.
Lang.—Thomas S. Crawford.
Macquarie.—E. S. Carr.
Nepean.—George Cann.
Newcastle.—David Watkins.
New England.—Francis J. Foster.
North Sydney.—P. E. Tighe.
Parkes.—Ernest H. Burgess.
Riverina.—J. H. Chanter.
Robertson.—William J. Johnson.
South Sydney.—E. Riley.
Wentworth.—Arthur J. L. Vernon.
Werriwee.—D. R. Hall.
West Sydney.—W. M. Hughes.

It has been decided to also contest the following electorates, and selections are in progress:—Cowper, Illawarra, Parramatta, and Richmond. The Hume and the Eden-Monaro electorates have not yet been finally dealt with.

THE SESSION'S WORK.

Conceived in dishonour, the Fusion Government continued its career throughout a long session, and accomplished its work by means which are a disgrace to British Parliamentary institutions. The large questions dealt with included:—Military and Naval Defence, High Commissioner, Northern Territory transfer, Australian coinage, old-age pensions amendment, bills of exchange and promissory notes legislation, and the Premiers' financial agreement. The titles of these measures appeal to a democracy, but the Conservatives who have a controlling force in the fusion demanded their full pound of flesh. As a consequence these measures have been so drafted and qualified as to represent the class interests of the wealthy in the main. Compulsory military citizen defence implies an effective democratic citizen force, but the yielding to conservative instincts has resulted in a measure which allows the Minister to provide equivalents to training; the periods of training are so totally inadequate as merely to involve wasteful expenditure; and the fusion refused to provide the necessary ways and means from the proceeds of direct taxation. In these ways a measure which might have served great national ends has been prostituted to doing police duty to the property-owners of Australia, inefficiently and costly, the burden of which will fall by deliberate design on the workers of Australia. The cost of this scheme will be borne by duties on tea, kerosene, and cotton piece goods, if the fusion should direct the new Parliament in sufficient numbers to carry out its intentions.

The Fisher Government took the first decisive practical steps towards the creation of an Australian navy.

In reducing the residential qualification for old-age pension applicants from 25 to 20 years the fusion carried out a measure foreshadowed by Mr. Fisher. A strenuous effort to wipe out the many blots and shortcomings of the present Pension Act, and bring into operation at once the invalid pensions made by the Labour party, was defeated by the overwhelming numbers of the Conservatives.

The unacknowledged plagiarism of the Prime Minister and the State Premiers of the principles embodied in the Brisbane Labour financial scheme for adjusting the financial relations of the Commonwealth and States was a great testimony from our opponents as to the competency of the Labour movement to effectively discharge the higher responsibilities of statecraft.

ELECTION PROSPECTS.

Evidences abound of the intention of wealth and privilege to make one desperate effort to check the ever-growing power of the Labour party at the coming election. The people have seen, however, a Federal Labour Ministry in power without witnessing any of the terrible happenings, the fear of which, it was pretended, was the battle cry of the last election.

The unimpeachable conduct and administration of the Labour Government, the desertion of election pledges by the Fusionists, and the class character of Conservative rule, all have conspired together to rob the Government of its points of vantage in the fight. Its servile and interested followers are sulky and unenthusiastic, whilst the reinforced army of Labour is inspired and encouraged by the demoralisation of our opponents and the righteousness of our cause. Throughout the whole length and breadth of Australia the Labour voters and sympathisers are determined that its representatives, faithful to election pledges and loyal to their principles, shall not only be fully returned with the stamp of public approval, but the few remaining seats required to effectively control the legislation and administration of national affairs shall be given to the only party before the country standing for clean, honest politics and a bold, progressive national programme for the uplifting of our great Commonwealth.

STATE PARLIAMENT.

Unfortunately the reign of the Wade Government continues, and thus little legislation of any value to the workers has resulted from a protracted session, lasting from June till December, 1909.

The Labour party having been now for some years the direct Opposition, cannot show by actual legislative results so much advancement as was effected during the time when they were a third party, giving support for concessions to various Governments, but this is an inevitable stage in our political history, and every day draws us nearer to the time when our party will become the administrating and governing authority, and thus be able to make up for the time of lost power spent in opposition.

Very little legislation of any importance was carried during the session, which has proved one of the most barren that has eventuated since the Labour party has been in active politics.

The culminating act of oppression has been carried out by the Government majority on the day before the session closed in the passage of the Strike Suppression Act. This is one of the most unjust and reactionary pieces of coercive legislation ever passed in Australia. It goes back upon principles which have for centuries been established in every British-speaking community; trial by jury it throws to the winds; the well-known principle of allowing the presiding Judge to determine sentence is abolished; it makes free speech a dead-letter, and coerces unionists and others (whether strikers or not) by making even meetings penal gatherings, while the police are allowed to invade the privacy of trade unions and other workers' meetings, and information thus gained for the purpose of prosecution against any of those who may be accused of offending against this arbitrary and unjust law.

Needless to say, the party put up a continuous and bitter fight against the passage of this Act, but the Government, by the application of the gag, and with the assistance of its servile following, succeeded in bludgeoning it through the Assembly. It became law upon December 21, 1909.

When the history of these events is written in days to come it will be admitted that never was such a blot as this put upon the fair fame of this State in the name of justice.

ORGANISING.

Early in the year the executive appointed the organising committee, their principal duty being to organise the State for the coming federal elections. This committee has done an enormous amount of good work, and has been the means of arranging and having carried out a large number of meetings in various parts of the State, besides securing detailed information in regard to parts not now represented by Labour men.

The Labour platform has been put directly before the people in almost every Federal electorate not now returning a Labour man, and the Federal elections to be held in 1910 will give to the movement special facilities for organising work which, it is hoped, will be availed of by every well-wisher of the people's cause, and the best possible results thus secured.

With one exception the various sections of the report of the executive were adopted. The exception was the section referring to the selection of candidates for the Federal Parliament. There was a strong desire to criticise the procedure followed in the selection of Mr. Charlton for the Hunter seat and Mr. Riley for the South Sydney seat, but the president ruled that criticism would be out of order. Various amendments were submitted but overruled, and an unsuccessful attempt was made to get congress to dissent from the president's ruling. Eventually by 68 to 63 votes it was resolved to refer the Federal selections back to the executive.

FEDERAL CONSTITUTION.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

Mr. Coen (Parramatta P.L.L.) moved,—"That this congress is of opinion that the financial proposals of the Federal Government should not be embodied in the Constitution." The motion was keenly debated, and occupied the whole of the evening session. Mr. Griffith, Mr. Dacey, and Mr. Carmichael, Ms.L.A., stated their views, as expressed during the last session of the State Parliament. Mr. Catts, M.P., submitted that the unexpressed details of the party platform should be decided by the Federal Labour party in caucus.

Mr. Watson, M.P., said it was a guiding principle that the people's will must be left untrammelled and free to express itself in any direction. From the democratic point of view it was unwise to put into the written Constitution anything that could possibly be avoided. According to Mr. Dacey, the Federal Labour party was not prepared to allow the people to judge. The fact was that while Mr. Dacey was prepared to allow the people to judge once in an eternity, the Federal party proposed to allow the people an opportunity every three years. So far as the Brisbane scheme was concerned, an attempt had been made to mislead the people of New South Wales by those who argued that it was intended to have that scheme embodied in the Constitution. It was never intended to put it into the Constitution. On the contrary, it was proposed to leave it absolutely to the people of Australia.

Mr. Holman, M.L.A., said that, given an assurance of a Labour majority in the Federal House, he would be well content to trust the Federal Parliament to deal fairly with the States in the matter of finance; but in the absence of any such guarantee he wanted to have the Constitution so amended that the States could absolutely rely upon getting their due share of revenue. It was conceivable that under the influence of a wave of jingoistic feeling a Federal Government might take the States' share of revenue and apply it to some such purpose as the building of Dreadnoughts.

Mr. Hughes, M.P., said that if under the wave of jingoistic feeling indicated by Mr. Holman a Federal Government wished to spend a few millions on Dreadnoughts, the fact that the financial agreement was embodied in the Constitution would not prove a check, for the Government could borrow the money. In the absence of any explicit statement they were not justified in assuming that the framers of the Brisbane conference scheme intended that it should be embodied in the Constitution. It was in the highest degree important that Federal and State members should speak with one voice at the coming elections. To speak with a divided voice would be in the highest degree disastrous.

The debate was carried on by Messrs. Storey, M.L.A., Nielsen, M.L.A., J. Wright, Primrose, Hoyle, A. Gardiner, Thyer, Lamond, and Black, and the motion was then carried on the voices.

At 10 o'clock the congress adjourned until 7 o'clock this evening.

FARMERS' FEDERAL CONFERENCE.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The annual delegate meeting of the Commonwealth council of farmers' organisations was opened yesterday, the chair being occupied by the president, Mr. W. D. Armstrong, M.L.A., of Queensland. Delegates from different States were:—Victoria: Messrs. David Brown, J. M'Donald, J. Glasgow, and H. J. d'Helin. New South Wales: Messrs. R. Patten, M.L.C., W. A. Ewers, and T. I. Campbell. Queensland: Messrs. W. Deacon, Morley, Cutlack, and F. Fraser. South Australia: Messrs. J. Moore, J. Kelly, F. Fuss, H. Scott, and D. Charleston. Western Australia: Messrs A. W. Elmes and A. J. M'Donald. Miss Grace Watson represented the Women's National League.

Sir Robert Best in welcoming the delegates said that the Federal tariff offered preference to Great Britain and stipulated for no return. At the same time he hoped that the ultimate outcome would be a reciprocal arrangement with the mother country. Wild statements had been made in Great Britain as to the effect of the preferential arrangement. Opponents had said that this could only be brought about at the expense of the masses of the mother country. That could easily be disproved. The reciprocal arrangement had not only money value, but greater settlement and higher agricultural development would follow in its train. Farmers would multiply, population expand, and the Empire be built up on a self-contained basis. The question of food supply was practically covered in the production of wheat. That was a fluctuating quantity in Australia. The problem was how to keep up an adequate supply for our own population, and under the preferential arrangement avoid the possibility of increasing the cost to the masses of the United Kingdom. Everything pointed to the urgent necessity for a vast increase in production. There would be an enormous gain if the export trade were increased. The opinion held by experts was that the price of wheat must rise. An American authority had asserted that the minimum price would be 1½ dollar a bushel. Fourteen bushels to the acre in America was considered to be a poor return. One writer said it was a disgrace to the country. In Australia, however, the average was only 10½ bushels for the last given quinquennial period. How much greater was the disgrace in this country! The days when enormous tracts were placed under wheat were passing. Smaller holdings were being worked. They promised many advantages over larger ones.

Mr. David Brown, acting president of the Farmers' League of Victoria, was appointed president of the council for the ensuing 12 months. The following officers were also elected:—Vice-president, Mr. W. D. Armstrong; hon. secretary, Mr. H. J. d'Helin (Victoria); committee, Messrs. E. Swayne (Queensland), R. Patten, M.L.C. (New South Wales), D. Charleston (South Australia), F. J. Cullen (Western Australia), J. M'Donald (Victoria), A. W. Elmes (Western Australia), and A. J. M'Donald (Western Australia).

The following resolutions were agreed to:—

"That the members of this conference congratulate organisations they represent on the establishment of a broad two-party system, the united Liberal party opposing the Socialistic party, an end for which we have worked since the inception of our council."

"That the Fusion Government be warmly congratulated on the result of the fusion, as evidenced by the considerable amount of important Federal work which has been satisfactorily accomplished in the short period since the fusion."

"That each State organisation represented on this council use its best effort to uphold the Federal union in accordance with the constitution, broadly maintaining the dual form of government originally adopted, and supporting the amendment only when Federal and State Governments are mutually agreed."

"That, in the opinion of this conference, clause 105 of the Commonwealth constitution Act should be amended to enable the Federal Government to assume the whole of the States' debts up to the passing of an Act for the taking over of the State debts."

ENLARGEMENT OF PHOTOS.

ALLEGED FRAUD ON THE PUBLIC.

At the Redfern Court, before Mr. Clarke, S.M., Frederick Walsh, aged 51, agent, was charged with false pretences.

Constable Word stated that on the 17th inst. he went to Mrs. Naish's shop, Redfern. The accused was standing at the counter. Witness asked him if he was travelling for the Art Portrait Company. He said, "Yes." It was a new firm just opening up in Sydney. The headquarters were in Paris. The Sydney office was in Pitt-street. Witness said, "This lady gave you a photo to enlarge." He said: "Yes, I sent it to Paris. It has come out now, and if this lady comes to the Pitt-street office, and pays 2s 6d, she can get it." Witness said to the accused, "There have been a lot of complaints, and you will have to come to the police station." He said he would not, as it was a private transaction. He took 2s 6d from his pocket, and said he would cancel the agreement. He put the money on the counter, and witness took possession of it. Witness took him by the arm, and he said: "That is an assault; you have disgraced my character, and I will prosecute you." Senior-Constable Moore then came in, and took him to the police station. He said to Senior-Constable Moore: "I strongly object to go with you. This is a private matter, and has nothing to do with the police." Moore replied, "I'll take the responsibility." At the station the accused refused to say where he lived, but said his name was Walsh. He refused to answer questions, and said at the proper time he would refer Senior-Constable Moore to his solicitor. On the following morning Moore saw him in cells, and told him that the police had a number of complaints similar to the one on which he was charged. The people did not care much about the money they lost if they could only get back the photos which they lent to be enlarged. The accused said he would think the matter over, and let Moore know later on, but at the next visit to the cells the accused refused to say anything. The police had received over 150 complaints about a man getting photos on the representation that they were to be enlarged by this company.

Annie Naish, a widow, stated that the accused came to her on November 24 and said: "I represent a Paris firm for enlarging photos. I will enlarge a photograph free of charge. I only want you to pay for the frame, which will be 5s." Witness gave him a photograph, which he promised to send to Paris, and paid him 2s 6d deposit on the frame. He gave her the receipt produced. On the following Saturday two children brought witness the photograph back, and said they had picked it up in the gutter. Witness next saw the accused in her shop on 17th inst. He told her the enlargement was finished, and he wanted another 2s 6d. She said she could not go into town just then, and quietly sent for the police.

Senior-Constable Moore stated that he had made search in Pitt-street, and could find no agency of any such company in Sydney. He had also inquired from the French Consul, who said he knew of no such firm in Paris.

The accused: "Will you swear that such a firm does not exist in Paris?"

Witness: "I cannot do so."

The accused elected to be tried by a jury, and was committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions. He reserved his defence, and pleaded not guilty to the charge.

On two further charges of a similar nature the accused elected to be summarily dealt with. He received a sentence of three months' imprisonment in each case.

CITY CORONER'S COURT.

AN OPEN VERDICT.

The City Coroner (Mr. Stephen Murphy) yesterday resumed the inquest concerning the death of Violet Jones, a widow, which occurred at the Royal Hospital for Women, Paddington on December 26. Senior-constable Lonsdale said he had been unable to obtain any additional evidence that would throw light on the case. An open verdict was returned.

Chamberlain's Tablets not only cure constipation, but keep the stomach healthy.—Advt.

AUSTRALIAN XI.

WELCOMED HOME.

PRESENTATION TO BARDSLEY.

The luncheon at the Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday was presided over by Sir Joseph Carruthers. Amongst those present were members of the Australian Eleven now in Sydney, the N.S.W. and Victorian teams, members of the Board of Control, of the association, and trustees of the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Sir Joseph Carruthers after the toast of the King said they had gathered together to welcome home the Australian Eleven on the completion of its tour, during which it had worthily upheld the best traditions of Australian cricket. They congratulated the team, through Mr. Noble, their captain, on the career which it enjoyed in the old country. When the team left it was said it was not the best. The result showed that it does not do to prophesy beforehand. The team gave an account of itself unsurpassed, and Mr. Noble in his captaincy showed judgment also unsurpassed, while one of the most pleasing features of the tour was the success of the young players. He referred especially to the record obtained by Mr. Bardsley. (Cheers.) The toast was received with cheers.

Mr. M. A. Noble in responding on behalf of the Australian team thanked Sir Joseph Carruthers for his kind remarks, and the company for the hearty way in which the toast had been received. It was pleasant to come back after having won the ashes, and find that their efforts were so well appreciated. He referred to the success of the young players, and emphasised the value of Mr. Bardsley's work, though every man on the side had worked his hardest, and there was never any friction amongst the players. Everyone sank any little difference there may have been, and they all pulled together as one man. He could not sit down without referring to work accomplished by Mr. Armstrong, who was the man who turned in the second test an unfavourable position into a victory. He had never seen better bowling in his life than Mr. Armstrong's at Lords. The other bowlers also did remarkably well, each one coming and doing something remarkable on occasions, and he mentioned the bowlers of the team. It was pleasant to hear the good things mentioned concerning their doings in England, and they were heartily reciprocated. Mr. Noble referred to the severe comments upon the capabilities of the team during the early part of the tour, and especially when they lost the first test match, and again mentioned that a gentleman in Australia had taken part in the criticism. In his, Mr. Noble's, opinion, he ought to be ashamed of himself. The English writers complained of them when resin was used by the bowlers, and said it should be stopped. Now that he had gone out of the game for good it was unfortunate that he had made a pair of spectacles in his last match; still, he would rather have got them then than in a test match. It was not his first experience in that direction. Ranjitsinhji had written that a man was not a great cricketer until he had got two duck's eggs in a match. He had done so twice, so he was twice over a great cricketer. (Laughter.) He wished the game of cricket every success in Australia.

Sir Joseph Carruthers then made a presentation of a silver tea and coffee service to Mr. Bardsley. He said that while they were speeding the parting guest in Mr. Noble they were about to recognise the valuable services rendered by one of the young players of the team. Mr. Noble's services had received recognition, so there would be no invidious distinction in making a presentation to Mr. Bardsley, who had performed in a way never surpassed in an initial trip to England. His aggregate was 2100 runs, and his average 46, both of which were records for a first tour. He had also obtained two centuries in a test match, which was a world's record; he registered seven centuries, which were more than any other player in his first visit to the old land had done. The presentation was a recognition of all those things, and was intended as an encouragement to other young and old players to go and do likewise. (Cheers.)

Mr. Bardsley was well received on rising to respond. He said:—"Sir Joseph Carruthers and Captain Noble,—I thank you very much for your kind remarks. I was merely lucky in the fortunes of the game. The players all pulled together. They were fortunate in having for their captain Mr. Noble, and it was a great pity he was now retiring from the game. I hope Mr Gregory does not intend to retire, too, he would be also a big loss. I do not think I am entitled to any more credit than anyone else."

FIRE ON A STEAMER.

About 6 a.m. yesterday the coal in the port bunker of the German mail steamer Prinz Sigismund, lying at the Circular Quay, suddenly burst into flames. The crew promptly got the ship's fire-fighting appliances to work, and the flames were soon subdued. The alarm was given to the fire brigades by a watchman on duty in the vicinity, and Circular Quay and headquarters turned out; but on their arrival the ship's officers declined their services, stating that the ship's company had the outbreak under control. The origin of the fire is supposed to be spontaneous combustion.

FUSING OF A CABLE.

FIRE AT MANLY.

About 4 a.m. yesterday the occupants of a house adjoining the Manly Electric Light Station were alarmed by the sound of an explosion, and on examination, found that smoke was issuing from the building. There was no one on the premises at the time, and the alarm was at once sent along to the local fire brigade. The firemen had little difficulty in quelling the outbreak, only slight damage being done. Fusing of a cable is said to be the cause of the fire.

TRADES AND LABOUR.

WICKER WORKERS.

At the meeting of the Wicker Workers' Board, held at the Oddfellows' Hall, Mr. T. Spencer presiding, it was stated that wages at present were very low, and might be raised without inconvenience to the employers. The chairman observed that sometimes when a man's wages were raised the employer took it out of the public. It was only reasonable to seek to ascertain that the board was not entering into a mild description of conspiracy, or something of the kind, against the public. Mr. Dugan, representing the claimant union, was of opinion that the public would not object to a fair rate of wages being paid, and that a large amount of good might be done without causing the public to suffer in any way. One employer said he was ashamed of the wages being paid, but, as things were, it could not be helped. The chairman said if the public were now getting an article at less than cost, the matter should be adjusted in order that neither the worker nor the employer should suffer.

Evidence was given that there were 150 workers in the union, but from 15 to 20 per cent. of those engaged in the trade were not members.

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These leagues, having unanimously decided that an electorate council should be formed in Phillip, the delegates from both leagues met on Friday. The following were elected as officers:—President, Mr. D. Guihen; vice-presidents, Alderman P. Ivory, Mr. M. Kelly, and Mesdames Pyrke and Kirwin; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Webb, sen.; hon. secretary, Mr. H. Donovan; Messrs. W. H. Donovan, and Alderman G. Dudley were elected as delegate and alternate delegate to P.L.L. Conference, and Mrs. Flanagan as woman delegate.

TRAMWAY GRIEVANCES.

CHIEF RAILWAY COMMISSIONER'S ANSWERS.

Mr. A. C. Wharton, general secretary of the Tramway Employees' Union, has received answers to a statement sent the Chief Railway Commissioner, in regard to grievances which are claimed to affect 800 or 900 tramway employees.

Mr. Wharton stated the men had not received back money for overtime, while working follow-on shifts between Sept. 29 and Jan. 6. The Chief Railway Commissioner replied that no instance is known in which the men have not been paid for overtime following the previous day's ordinary hours of work.

Mr. Wharton stated that only ordinary rates had been paid employees booked for Sunday duty. The Chief Commissioner replied that time and a half has always been paid, except to watchmen, who have been paid a day and a quarter's pay.

Mr. Wharton urged that in cases of promotion from fettler to ganger, and crown, the senior man, if he had the necessary ability and qualifications should be appointed to the higher grade. The Chief Commissioner replies that this is done now.

Mr. Wharton claims that the junior men should be dealt with first in questions of retrenchment. The Chief Commissioner replies that this is usually done, except when men have special qualifications.

Mr. Wharton claimed that men who had been previously employed should be given preference when extra hands are wanted. The Chief Commissioner replies that this is done when the men are suitable. But the men previously employed cannot always be had.

Mr. Wharton asked for uniform rates of pay for all timekeepers employed in the permanent way branch. The Chief Commissioner replied that the gangers were responsible for the timekeeping of their own gangs. But where a large number of men was employed, as in relaying or duplication gangs, the ganger was given a labourer, who received increased pay to help him in the timekeeping.

LAW NOTICES.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27.

SUPREME COURT.

Chamber List.—At 10.30 a.m., in the Banco Court, before Mr. Justice Cohen.—Ex parte W. G. Lucas, in re C. B. Treffe, mandamus; Dangiade v Barnett and another, Nicholls and another claimants, sheriff's interpleader.

In Equity.—Before Mr. Justice Cohen, after Common Law.—Mauri Bros. and Thomson v Norman, motion to continue injunction.

Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: Ford v Leahy, to tax costs. 2.15 p.m.: Re Patrick Slattery, deceased, probate taxation.

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A similar case occurred at J. W. Smith's tobacco shop, Circular Quay. On opening his shop, Mr. Smith found his stock scattered all over the floor. A quantity of tobacco was missing, and apparently the thief had entered by the fanlight, for it was broken, and the doors and windows were locked.

Another tobacconist, Mr. Crayden, whose shop is at the corner of Margaret and Sussex streets, heard a noise early yesterday morning in the yard. He went to see the cause, and two men, who had got into the yard, bolted.

SPITTING ON THE FOOTPATH.

At the Redfern Court, before Mr. Clarke, S.M., Charles Graham, of Gibbons-street, Redfern, and Albert Walters, of Rosehill-street, Redfern, were summoned for spitting on the footway, and were fined 10s and costs each, in default imprisonment for seven days.

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WANTED, QUARRYMAN to cut rubble. Foran's Quarries, Broughton-st, Concord.

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WANTED, JUNIOR DRAPER, for Western Line. Apply 10 a.m., Thursday, Sargood Bros.

WANTED, Underclothing Machinist, outdoor work. Apply 10 o'clock, 157 Oxford-st.

WANTED, strong BOY, for fruit shop and run. Apply Fruit Mart, Haberfield.

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WANTED, smart BOY, for Bakehouse, good wages. Apply S. F. Bray, Shadforth-st, Paddington.

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Apply to-day, at 9.30 a.m.,
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Apply
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WANTED, MATRON, HILLGROVE COTTAGE HOSPITAL, 15 beds, Nurse, Wardsman, and Cook employed. Successful applicant must be prepared to take duties on or before February 8. Salary, £60 per annum. Must be fully qualified and member A.T.N.A.
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WARADGERY SHIRE.
APPLICATION FOR AUDITOR.
APPLICATIONS are invited from gentlemen duly qualified as Auditor under the Local Government Act, 1906-8, to fill the position of AUDITOR to this Shire for the year 1910.
The applicant must state what he will do the audit for in two half-yearly audits.
Applications close on FRIDAY, 18th February, 1910, at 4 p.m., to be addressed to the President, and endorsed "Application for Auditor."
By order of the Council,
J. VAUGHAN,
Clerk and Engineer.
Shire-chambers, Hay,
15th January, 1910.

WANTED,
GOOD SALESMEN,
for Mercery, Clothing, Men's Hats, and Sports Departments.
Apply Mr. SCHMIDT, 9 a.m. to-day,
Inquiry Office, Ground Floor,
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WARADGERY SHIRE.
APPLICATION FOR CLERK.
APPLICATIONS are invited from gentlemen duly qualified under the Local Government Act, 1906-8, to act as CLERK and VALUER to this Shire. Salary two hundred pounds (£200) per annum.
Applications close on FRIDAY, 18th February, 1910, at 4 p.m.
Applicant to state age and forward copies of testimonials, also when he will be able to enter upon his duties.
Applications to be addressed to the President, and endorsed "Application for Clerk."
By order of the Council,
J. VAUGHAN,
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Shire-chambers, Hay,
15th January, 1910.

WANTED,
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Apply 11 o'clock to-day,
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FUNERALS.

ASLIN.—The Friends of Mr. GEORGE ASLIN, late of Tamworth, are kindly informed that the Funeral of his late beloved DAUGHTER, Bertha, will take place THIS (Thursday) MORNING, at the Waverley Cemetery. A short service will be held at St. John's Church, Darlinghurst, at 8.45 a.m.
Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Limited, Undertakers. Tel., 875.

BOWMAN.—The Friends of Mrs. H. J. BOWMAN and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved HUSBAND and FATHER; to leave his late residence, Edgware, Chesterfield-parade, Waverley, THIS DAY (Thursday), at 3.45 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. W. CARTER, Undertaker, Wav.

THE MASTER MONUMENTAL MASONS' ASSOCIATION OF N. S. WALES.—The Officers and Members of the above are requested to attend the Funeral of the late H. J. BOWMAN; to leave his residence, Chesterfield-parade, Waverley, THIS AFTERNOON (Thursday), at 3.30 o'clock. E. D. ANDREWS, President.

BINGHAM.—The Friends of Mrs. JULIA BINGHAM and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved HUSBAND and FATHER; to move from W. N. Bull's private mortuary, Watkins-street, Newtown, THIS DAY, at 2 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery, via Newtown station.
W. N. BULL, Funeral Director.

BELL.—The Friends of Mrs. SARAH BELL and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND and their FATHER, John M. Bell, which will move from their residence, 140 Ernest-street, North Sydney, THIS (Thursday) MORNING, at 11.30 o'clock, for Gore Hill Cemetery.
WOOD and COMPANY, Funeral Directors, Sydney and North Sydney and Suburbs. Tel., 726, etc.

CRAIG.—The Friends of Mrs. JOHN CRAIG and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved HUSBAND and FATHER; to leave his late residence, 1 O'Dowd-street, Waverley, THIS DAY (Thursday), at 3 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. W. CARTER, Undertaker, Waverley.

CRONSHAW.—The Friends of Mr. ALFRED CRONSHAW, late of Newtown, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Amelia; to leave the Mortuary station, Regent-street, at 2.22, TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood. F. W. HARTLEY, Undertaker, King and Brown streets, Newtown, and Railway-parade, Kogarah. Tel., 184 N.

CONNER.—The Funeral of the late MARY CONNER will take place THIS AFTERNOON, at Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood.
Funeral train leaves Mortuary Station 2.22 p.m.
COFFILL and COMPANY,
Central Office, 735 George-street, Haymarket.

DRURY.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. ELIZABETH DRURY will leave her son-in-law's residence, No. 45 Mort-street, Balmain, TO-MORROW (Friday) MORNING, at 9 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, Gore Hill.
WOOD and COMPANY, Funeral Directors, Sydney and Suburbs. Tel., 726, etc.

DRURY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. DAVID COOK and Mr. WILLIAM LEE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER, Mrs. Elizabeth Drury; to leave No. 45 Mort-street, Balmain, TO-MORROW (Friday) MORNING, at 9 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, Gore Hill.
WOOD and COMPANY, Funeral Directors.

LOOKE.—The Friends of the late Mr. ALEXANDER JOHN LOOKE are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, which will leave his late residence, 17 Looke's-avenue, Balmain East, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Service in St. Mary's Church, Balmain East, thence to Balmain Cemetery, Leichhardt.
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LOOKE.—The Friends of Messrs. WILLIAM J. and ARTHUR J. G. LOOKE and Miss ELIZA M. LOOKE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER, Alexander John; to leave his late residence, No. 17 Looke's-avenue, Balmain East, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Service in St. Mary's Church, Balmain, thence to the Balmain Cemetery, Leichhardt. WOOD and CO., Funeral Directors.

McNAMARA.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. MICHAEL McNAMARA are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved DAUGHTER, Agnes; to leave St. Charles' Church, Waverley, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 3.30, for the R.C. Cemetery, Waverley.
T. DIXON, Undertaker,
Tel., 2602. 29 Oxford-street, Hyde Park.

McNAMARA.—The Friends of JAMES and FRANCES (Fanny) McNAMARA are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved SISTER, Agnes; to leave St. Charles' Church, Waverley, on FRIDAY AFTERNOON, at 3.30, for the R.C. Cemetery, Waverley. T. DIXON, Undertaker.

McNAMARA.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. BRINSLEY FALLOON and Mr. and Mrs. HAROLD RUSSOM are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved SISTER, Agnes McNamara; to leave St. Charles' Church, Waverley, TO-MORROW, Friday, at 3.30, for the R.C. Cemetery, Waverley. T. DIXON.

McNAMARA.—The Friends of Mrs. TIMOTHY KENNEDY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved COUSIN, Agnes McNamara; to leave St. Charles' Church, Waverley, TO-MORROW, Friday, at 3.30, for the R.C. Cemetery, Waverley.
T. DIXON, Undertaker, 29 Oxford-street, city.

O'SULLIVAN.—The Friends of Mrs. LAURA O'SULLIVAN and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved HUSBAND and FATHER, Michael; to leave his late residence, Little Albion-st, Surry Hills, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. P. BYRNE and CO., Undertakers.

O'SULLIVAN.—The Officers and Members of the William O'Brien Branch of the Irish National Foresters and kindred Branches are requested to attend the Funeral of their late Member, Brother MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN; to move from Little Albion-st, Surry Hills, THIS DAY, 1.30. Luke Delaney, Chief Ranger.

O'BRIEN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. DANIEL PERRY, Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH DOWNIE, Mr. and Mrs. JOHN WHITING, and Mr. and Mrs. DAVID BREEN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved UNCLE, Michael O'Brien; to move from 151 Victoria-road, Marrickville, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for R.C. Cemetery, via Newtown station.
S. DANGAR and CO., Funeral Directors, 50 Geo.-st W.

O'BRIEN.—The Friends of JOHN, SARAH, ISABELLA CURRAN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved UNCLE, Michael O'Brien; to move from 151 Victoria-road, Marrickville, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for R.C. Cemetery, via Newtown Station. S. DANGAR and CO.,
Funeral Directors,
'Phone, 450 Glebe. 50 George-street West.

PHILLIPS.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. PHILLIPPA PHILLIPS will leave 96 Mansfield-street, Rozelle, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for the Necropolis.
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PHILLIPS.—The Friends of Mr. JOHN PHILLIPS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE; to leave her late residence, 96 Mansfield-street, Rozelle, TO-DAY, at 1 o'clock, for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood.

L.O.L., 176.—Officers and Members of this and other Lodges are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of the WIFE of Bro. John Phillips; to move from her late residence, 96 Mansfield-street, Rozelle, at 1 o'clock TO-DAY, for C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood. D. E. GRAY, W.M.; E. K. WALKER, Sec.

POTTS.—The Friends of Mrs. ELIZABETH POTTS and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND and their FATHER, Edwin Potts; to move from his late residence, Hurstville Grove, Hurstville, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at ½ to 2 o'clock, for Sutherland Cemetery, by 2.10 p.m. train from Sydney. CHAS. KINSELA, Funeral Director, Rockdale; and 765 George-st.

SPENCE.—The Friends of the late Mrs. ELIZABETH SPENCE are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; which will leave her late residence, 79 Garden-street, Alexandria, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood.
JOSEPH MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern.

SPENCE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. ALFRED DYSON, Mr. and Mrs. ALFRED BOWER, and of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM DAVISON, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved MOTHER, Mrs. Elizabeth Spence; which will leave her late residence, 79 Garden-street, Alexandria, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood.

SPENCE.—The Friends of Mrs. ALEX. SPENCE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Mrs. Elizabeth Spence; which will leave her late residence, 79 Garden-street, Alexandria, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood.

SPENCE.—The Friends of Mr. W. SPENCE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Mrs. Elizabeth Spence; which will leave her late residence, 79 Garden-street, Alexandria, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood.

SPENCE.—The Friends of Mr. J. SPENCE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Mrs. Elizabeth Spence; which will leave her residence, 79 Garden-street, Alexandria, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood.

SPENCE.—The Friends of Mrs. E. READ are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved SISTER-IN-LAW, Mrs. Elizabeth Spence; which will leave her late residence, 79 Garden-street, Alexandria, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood. Joseph Medcalf, Undertaker.

SHELTON.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. KITTY SHELTON (Widow of the late Stephen Shelton, formerly of Balmain), will take place THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30 o'clock, at the Balmain Cemetery, Leichhardt.
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LOT 9:—
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LOT 10:—
650 Pieces Cambric Embroidery Beading, for Threading, etc.
Usual Price, 3/11 doz. yards; SALE PRICE, 2/11½ doz.
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60 Pieces Cambric Embroidery Beading, for Threading.
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LOT 7:—
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WANTED, smart KITCHENMAID. Apply after 9, Central Cafe, 9 Bond-st.
WANTED, elderly Woman or young Woman, child not obj. to, light place. 204 Liverpool-st, city.
WANTED, a young General, plain cooking, no washing, ref. 166 Albion-st, Surry Hills.
WANTED, experienced WAITRESS; also Smart Pantrymaid, start at once. 52 Park-st, city.
WANTED, smart Woman, wash crockery, etc., for restaurant, 15s, must sleep on prems. 249 Oxf.-st.
WANTED, WAITRESS, 16s, must be smart and experienced. Club Dining Saloon, 249 Oxford-st.
WANTED, a good Light GENERAL. Apply Mrs. S. Bullen, 98 Market-st, city.
WANTED, Assistant Gardener. Apply L. Violet, 8 Arthur-st, Paddington.
WANTED, House and Parlour MAID. Rosleven, 1st house past Edgecliff Post-office.
WANTED, little GIRL, few hours daily, to assist light housework. 540 Old South Hd-rd, Woollahra.
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WANTED, smart GENERAL, 2 in family, gas stove, liberal outings. Eunice, 4 Flood-st, Bondi.
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WANTED, GENERAL, adult family. Apply Merrygong, Denison-st, Woollahra.
WANTED, good General SERVANT. Unitt's Grand View Hotel, Oxford-st, Paddington.
WANTED, smart Waitress and Laundress, to assist housework. Redf. Coffee Palace, 40 Eliz.-st, Rdfn.
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WANTED, light GENERAL, sleep home. 493 Elizabeth-st, nr. Devonshire-st.
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WANTED, a GENERAL, no family, wages 10s. 135 George-st North, opposite fire station, Cir. Q.
WANTED, two smart young GIRLS, to assist in tea room. Apply Mrs. Teague, 121 George-st West.
WANTED, a good COOK, young woman preferred. Apply early, 115 Victoria-st, Darlinghurst.
WANTED, a WOMAN, to wash and clean. Apply 8 Erskine-st, city.
WANTED, an exp. Nursery Housemaid, refs. required. Apply Lily of St. Leonards Hotel, North Shore.
WANTED, young WOMAN for general work. 12 Forest-st, Forest Lodge.
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WANTED, smart GIRL, for laundry, learn packing and sorting, etc. Bridge-st, nr. Church-st, D'moyne.
WANTED, resp. WOMAN do day's washing weekly. Mrs. Carmody, Dogura, Cary-st, Warren, M'ville.
WTD., Waitress, and make herself gen. useful. Apply after 11 a.m., Keene's, Confectioner, 120 King-st.
WANTED, for Friday morning, Woman, to scrub. Mrs. Sherwin, 25 Frederick-st, Ashfield.
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WONOWA,
Wellington-street, Woollahra.
WANTED, competent young HOUSE and PARLOUR MAID. Apply, with references, after 10,
Mrs. FOSBERY,
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BY refined young Lady, Housemaid or light General, business or private. E. B., 75 Albion-st, Surry Hills.
BY Man as groom, garden, milk, general useful, ref. 361, Herald.
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EXP. yg. Lady seeks Pos., Help and Companion, where General kept. State salary, Myee, G.P.O.
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DARK Bay Pony, 14h., horseshoe on nr. shldr., white hind ft. £1 rew., T. C. Allen, Penshurst-st, Wlby.
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